

THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

ACTS 1.4-7; 2.1-6

Ac 1:4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Ac 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. 5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

Often the discussion about the Holy Spirit is centered around what happens when one receives the Spirit.

The real discussion needs to be around what happens after you receive the Spirit.

POWER COMES INTO YOUR LIFE

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THE QUESTION OF "SHOULD I SPEAK IN TONGUES?"

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The manifestation of unknown tongues consistently accompanies the infilling of the Spirit, but we will at some point address this in great detail.

THE MORE PERTINENT QUESTION IS "HOW CAN I WALK IN POWER?"

1. THE SPIRIT WAS Poured OUT TO EMPOWER THE NEW CHURCH

PRAYER PRODUCES POWER

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

PRAISE PRODUCES POWER

Ps 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice. 3 O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

2. THE SPIRIT WAS Poured OUT TO ENLIGHTEN THE CHURCH

Jn 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. 27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

UNDERSTANDING TRUTH BRINGS LIGHT

He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you

WALKING IN TRUTH PRODUCES LIGHT

Ps 119:104 From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

3. THE SPIRIT WAS Poured OUT TO ENGAGE THE CHURCH IN ITS MISSION

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

THE SPIRIT GIVES YOU A HEART FOR THE LOST

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. Matthew 25:40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

THE SPIRIT GIVES YOU COURAGE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Lk 10:18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."