

THE POWER
OF
PENTCOST
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THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Acts 2:1** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

OUR NEED FOR GOD'S SPIRIT

- Have you ever felt that you have lost the sense of God's presence?
- Judges 16:20-21 Samson lost the presence of God and did not know it
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- Judges 16:20 Then she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" When he woke up, he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." But he didn't realize the LORD had left him.
- ²¹So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes.

1. GOD'S SPIRIT BIRTHED THE CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-4

This was the day when the church was birthed

God loves His Church with a Passion

- **THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**

- **Don't call Christ's Bride ugly**

- **Don't criticize the Bride of Christ**

2. GOD'S SPIRIT SUSTAINS LIFE

- 1. Gen 2;7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**, and the man became a living being.
- 2. Ezek 37:3 He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”
- ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and **breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.**

2. GOD'S SPIRIT SUSTAINS LIFE

- 3. John 20:21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”²² And with that he **breathed on them** and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Rom. 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

3. GOD'S SPIRIT ENABLES HIS PEOPLE

- 1. Zech 4: 6 So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.
- 2. Luke 4:18-19 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

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- 3. 1 Cor 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.
- 4. Gal 5:16 Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh

3. GOD'S SPIRIT ENABLES HIS PEOPLE

- Psalm 114:1-4 ¹ When the Israelites escaped from Egypt—
- when the family of Jacob left that foreign land— ² the land of Judah became God's sanctuary, and Israel became his kingdom.
- ³ The Red Sea saw them coming and hurried out of their way! The water of the Jordan River turned away. ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs

3. GOD'S SPIRIT ENABLES HIS PEOPLE

- Psalm 114:5-7 What's wrong, Red Sea, that made you hurry out of their way? What happened, Jordan River, that you turned away? ⁶ Why, mountains, did you skip like rams? Why, hills, like lambs?
- ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

3. GOD'S SPIRIT ENABLES HIS PEOPLE

- Are you on a
- 1. Breakout Mission (Red Sea)
- or a
- 2. Breakthrough Mission (Jordan River)

4. GOD'S SPIRIT IS FOR ALL PEOPLE TODAY THAT CALL ON HIS NAME

- **Acts 2:14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
- **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- **17** “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

4. GOD'S SPIRIT IS FOR ALL PEOPLE TODAY THAT CALL ON HIS NAME

- Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

CONCLUSION

- Ex 33:15-16 (NIV) Then Moses said, ‘If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.
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- Judges 16:20 Samson lost the presence of God and did not know it
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- We can’t live without the Spirit of God in our lives on a daily basis.

CHALLENGE

- Let me ask you:
 - Are you conscious of the presence of God in your life?
 - Do you live in the reality of it?
 - Do you enjoy such an experience?
 - If not, then you need to receive a fresh touch from the Holy Spirit.

**LET'S ENGAGE IN A FRESH PENTECOSTAL
EXPERIENCE OF THE SPIRIT TODAY**