



## **Pentecost: A Celebration of God's Power Within**

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**Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

**John 16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.**

**Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came 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 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**

When Jesus says **"lo I am with you always even to the end of the age,"** He's speaking of the oneness of God, the total Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 1 in 3 and 3 in 1!

Jesus used similar language when speaking about how he and the Father would come to live within us.

**John 14:23, Jesus answered and said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."**

When Jesus says He will come and live in us along with the Father, He's referring to the person of the Holy Spirit, which represents the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit —the presence of Yahweh, the triune God.

**Two manifestations of the Holy Spirit within the believer.**

1. Being born again of the Spirit, "Salvation".
2. Being filled with the Holy Spirit after the new birth takes place.

### **Being Born of the Spirit**

**John 3:5-8 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

The water and the Spirit allude to our natural and spiritual births.

**6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."**

Our spiritual birth can not be seen with the natural eye. After Jesus' resurrection, He appears to His disciples, allowing them to be born again by receiving the Holy Spirit.



**John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him (Past Tense) from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

***Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit's descent to fill born-again believers.***

**Acts 2:1-2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.**

Everything was filled, within and without.

**Acts 2:3-12 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?...11... we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"**

They were winning people to Jesus by speaking of God's goodness.

**"we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God".**

One of the most powerful weapons we have to win people to Christ is to speak of how good God is to us and for us!

**Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"**

The infilling of the Holy Spirit is a gift from God, just like salvation; He wants all believers to have it.

It isn't God's plan that we live our lives as born-again believers without His help.

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Jesus was limited by His humanity because He could only be in one place at a time and could only be with them and not in them.

The Holy Spirit has the authority to be God in and outside of the Believer.



**John 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

**Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came 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 of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**

Here, when Jesus says “lo I am with you always even to the end of the age” He's speaking of the oneness of God, the total Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. One in three and 3 in one

**John 14:26 (NIV) But the Counselor,**

*parakletos; an intercessor, consoler: - advocate, comforter. One who is here to help or guide.*

The Holy Spirit, our teacher:

**John 14:26 (cont)...will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**

The Holy Spirit will give us the wisdom (revelation) about how to apply God's word to our lives for successful living.

The Holy Spirit will remind us of the word we have in our hearts for every situation.

The Holy Spirit will comfort us with the confidence we need for a successful Life.

**John 16:12-15 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**

Jesus is saying that without the Holy Spirit, there are certain spiritual truths that even the believer cannot handle, and if you can handle these truths, then there's a certain level of freedom that you can't walk in.

**John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

The Holy Spirit will reveal to born-again believers our rightful inheritance, secured by the finished works of Jesus Christ.

**John 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**

The Holy Spirit reveals the necessary truth about all situations and individuals, providing you with the understanding you need to walk in the freedom and life that Jesus Christ won for us on the cross.

**Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**



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**1 Corinthians 3:21-23 (NLT) So don't boast about following a particular human leader. For everything belongs to you— 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. Everything belongs to you, 23 and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.**

The Holy Spirit takes our portion of Christ's inheritance and unfolds it into an abundant blessing, revealing all that rightfully belongs to us through Him.

The Holy Spirit helps us fully realize the richness of our relationship with Christ and the gifts that we have as His heirs. When the Holy Spirit came, He came with power for the believer.

**Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...**

You will be able to witness Jesus in Word, Character, and in Action.

This power will allow you to do some extraordinary things in an ordinary world.

The power of the Holy Spirit is not merely a force; it is a profound source of strength and inspiration that empowers Believers to accomplish extraordinary feats.

The Holy Spirit came bearing gifts for mankind - 21 gifts, **1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4.**

His gifts, along with your talents and the anointing, equip us for a successful life.

We have to develop His fruit (**Galatians 5**) to utilize the gifts and power for Godly success.

God desires that we have the fullness of the Holy Spirit!

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**Qualifications to receive the Holy Spirit:**

**Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said to them,"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."** The lack of repentance or forgiveness can also quench the Holy Spirit. The reason that we ought to forgive and receive forgiveness is based upon at least two New Testament scriptures:

**Ephesians 4:32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.**

**Colossians 3:12-14 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.**