

The Day of Pentecost ~ Sunday, June 4, 2017

“Beyond the Tomb: Holy Spirit Power”

Acts 2:1-21

THE DAY OF PENTECOST & THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.” (Joel 2:28-29)

“If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.” (John 14:15)

3 PASSAGES ABOUT THE PERSON & WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **John 14:16-17**

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

- **John 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 have said to you.”

- **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 go, I will send him to you.”

SHORT-CIRCUITING THE HOLY SPIRIT’S POWER

- **We can grieve the Holy Spirit.**

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” (Ephesians 4:30-31)

- **We can quench the Holy Spirit.**

“Do not quench the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

6 WAYS TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

#1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)

as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27)

Are you feeling empty? Could you use a top up of God’s spirit?

#2. Be purified by the Holy Spirit.

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Do you see this difference in your life? Does your life bear witness to God’s Spirit within you?

#3. Serve according to our spiritual gifts.

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
(1 Corinthians 12:7)

What are your spiritual gifts? More importantly, are you using them?

#4. Nurture the Fruit of the Spirit.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

Is the Fruit of the Spirit ripening or rotting in your life?

#5. Pray in the Spirit.

“Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for

How would you describe the nature of your prayers?

#6. Go with the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:48-49)

In whose power do you proclaim the Gospel—your own or God’s?



Thankfully, Pentecost was not a one-time event. God wants to continually pour out His Spirit on us—He wants to give us His power. The question we need to ask ourselves is: Do I want it? Am I willing to let the Holy Spirit reign in my heart, in my life, and in this church?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen