

YOU NEED THE HOLY GHOST

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (Titus 3:5)

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Introduction: The bible refers to the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, which means a “helper,” or “one who comforts.” Many myths concerning the indwelling of the Holy Spirit have infiltrated the church in the guise of biblical doctrine regarding His purpose, manifestation, origin, and how to receive Him. During the next two weeks, we will investigate the myths, expose false doctrines, and provide clarity and understanding about the priceless gift of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter by answering the *who, what, when, where, and how* questions of the magnificent gift of God left to those who need only to believe in order to receive:

- ? Who...is the Holy Ghost?
- ? What...happened on the day of Pentecost?
- ? When...was the full manifestation of the Holy Ghost seen and was this His origin?
- ? Where...did He appear to the disciples?
- ? How...do you receive the gift of the Holy Ghost?

We invite you, as we reveal God’s truths, to receive Him and His free gift of the Holy Ghost. Let us now decree and declare together the miracles that are about to take place and the mighty outpouring to be experienced throughout these teachings:

TONIGHT’S DECREE:

Lord, you said in Acts chapter two verse 39 that this promise is unto me, and to my children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. I believe that your Word is true. I decree that as the lesson is being taught, not only will I receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, but...

- ? my children will be filled
- ? those who are not here will be filled in their homes
- ? those driving in their cars and
- ? loved ones who are afar off will receive your power—the Holy Ghost.

Lord, I believe that what I have spoken into the atmosphere *will* shape, in Jesus’ name!
Amen!

Now praise God for what He is about to do as we go into Lesson One, “What Really Happened on the Day of Pentecost?”

LESSON ONE: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST**DEFINITIONS:**

Regeneration: the state of being regenerated, spiritual renewal or revival

Renewing: to make like new: restore to refreshness, vigor, or perfection; to make new spiritually: regenerate, to restore to existence: revive, to make extensive changes in: rebuild

- 1 *And when the day of Pentecost was 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 all the house where they were sitting.*
- 3 *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*
- 4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. –Acts 2:1-4*

I. GOD PROVIDED TWO SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE:**1) the wind** – associated by the Jews with the Holy Spirit

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. –Ezekiel 37:9

The wind of God's Spirit in Ezekiel's vision came from the four winds. This vision assures us that when the wind of God's Spirit blows upon us, no area of our lives is exempt from being filled by His Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not prevent us from being tried and tested, but one touch from his gentle blow can cause those areas in our lives that have been slain by the enemy to be resurrected that we may live.

2) fiery tongues – divided and rested upon "each of them," showing that the Spirit's baptism included all

As discussed in last week's lesson, when the bible says that they spoke with other tongues, it is referring to other languages.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. –Acts 2:4

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. –Acts 2:6

The people could understand because the Holy Spirit gave them the utterance. Those gathered at the Feast of Pentecost saw and heard something they had never heard or seen before, and they were astonished.

II. THE SIGNS

- ? **Tongues:** The languages spoken on the Day of Pentecost were to demonstrate God's divine power to the foreign worshippers gathered for the feast.
- ? **Prophecy:** *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: —Acts 2:17*
When Paul laid his hand on the converts in Acts 19, they spoke in tongues and prophesied: (verse 6) "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."
- ? **Charity:** *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. —1 Cor. 13:1*
- ? **Witnessing:** *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. —John 15:26-27*
- ? **Unknown tongues:** *For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. —1 Cor. 14:2*

Some merely speak in an unknown tongue to draw attention to themselves. However, there is no anointing, no revelation, and it often interferes with what the Holy Spirit actually wants to do.

On the Day of Pentecost, God chose to speak to the many nations gathered there in their own languages (other tongues) as a sign to the unbelievers of His presence in the earth. His presence was also confirmed through symbolic signs of fire and wind. And from that day on, He has continued to manifest in varying gifts of His own distribution, to intelligently instruct God's people of His redemptive ways and purposes through discernible speech and gifts. This is what really happened on the Day of Pentecost.

