

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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Last week we investigated “What Really Happened on the Day of Pentecost” through presenting the evidence of signs and even some of the symbols of His presence. Tonight we will continue our discussion of You Need the Holy Ghost with Lesson Two, entitled, “The Holy Spirit’s Life-Giving Breath.”

TONIGHT’S DECREE:

Lord, I thank you 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 already doing as we go into Lesson Two, “The Holy Spirit’s Life-Giving Breath.”

**LESSON TWO:
THE HOLY SPIRIT’S LIFE-GIVING BREATH**

*And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (Gen. 1:2)*

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Gen. 2:7)*

HIS ORIGIN:

Contrary to myth, the Holy Spirit did not originate on the day of Pentecost, but Genesis chapter one reveals Him as God’s agent of creation. “The **Spirit** of God moved upon the

face of the waters.” (Gen. 1:2) One move of God’s spirit causes even the most spiritless situations to be filled with life.

HIS POWER TO *CREATE* LIFE:

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep
(Gen. 1:2).*

The power of the Holy Spirit is revealed in His ability to bring light to darkness and life to our dead situations. The breath of God’s Spirit has always been the source of His life-producing plan. In the beginning, God created life in both the heaven and the earth. In the beginning, Adam was simply a mere form until God breathed the breath of life into him. It was then that he became a living soul. The Holy Spirit is God’s life-giving wind, or breath.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (John 6:63)

Every time we hear the Word of the Lord, our spirits are being quickened, or made alive.

*And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.
(Ezekiel 37:6)*

God will restore and lead you in stages through life, but you must be willing to grow through those stages. Hearing the Word of God will bring the Holy Spirit into your life, but merely hearing the Word makes no one complete. If you want to grow and mature to become all that you can be in Christ, then an obedient response is a necessity. Faith without works is dead (see James 2:17).

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor. 3:18)

In order to become complete, steps must be taken in the Christian life. The first step in Ezekiel’s prophecy showed breath assembling the dead dry bones. But then came the sinews and then came the flesh. So hearing and obeying is a step-by-step, ordered process. Believing, repentance, and baptism are just the skeletal foundation, sinews, and flesh. But to make you into a powerful soldier, there is more to the process than being born again. If receiving God’s gift was all it too to walk victoriously in life, then sitting in church or hanging around the barracks while others train and fight would be good enough. James, however, reminds us that it’s not.

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:19-20)

His Power to *Resurrect and Restore Life:*

When Jesus breathed back into the descendants of Adam God's breath of life in John 20:22, the disciples were the first human beings to receive God's re-creative life as the first ever born-again men:

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: (John 20:19-22)

When the Day of Pentecost was fully come, the disciples who believed and stayed in Jerusalem were visited by a mighty rushing wind, and because of their faith and obedience, they would never be the same again. They would leave that house empowered and turn the world as they knew it ...*upside down*... (see Acts 17:6)

...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 Jn. 4:4)

Remember, the Holy Spirit that resides inside of you equips you with the ability to resurrect, impart life to dead situations, and turn the world upside down with the resonating power of God's spoken Word.

