

# PENTECOST

## *Promise Fulfilled*

### ***Have You Been Filled With The Holy Spirit Since You Believed?***

The Lord Jesus has given us a great promise: that we can be filled with the same Holy Spirit that filled Him so that we can do the deeds He did and live the life He lived. The disciples were instructed to wait in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Spirit, then they would receive power to be mighty witnesses to the Good News about Jesus!

#### **I. Pentecost: The Old and The New**

- A. The Old Covenant: The day of Pentecost, 50 days after the 2nd day of Passover, was a remembrance and celebration of the giving of the Law through Moses (Feast of Weeks or *Shavouth*).
- B. The New Covenant: The day of Pentecost, 50 days after the 2nd day of Passover (Resurrection Sunday) is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.
- C. The Law was given through Moses, Grace and Truth were realized through Jesus Christ
  - 1. ἐδόθη—given, bestowed, delivered
  - 2. ἐγένετο—were realized, came into being ...BEING...

#### **II. The Joy of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

- A. Two blessings in one
  - 1. tongues of fire—the holiness of God clothing us, filling us
  - 2. power—effective witness and miraculous results
- B. The Holy Spirit desires a body, like Jesus, through which to manifest the presence of God
  - 1. The filling and baptism of the Holy Spirit is equivalent to the Presence of Jesus in us and in the Church (John 14:17-18)
  - 2. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit brings regeneration and restores a right relationship to God through the atonement of Jesus' blood
  - 3. The filling and baptism of the Holy Spirit consumes us and fills us with the Presence and Power of God to be the living Christ through the Church

#### **III. Have You Received the Holy Spirit Since You Believed?**

- A. Paul asks this question in Acts 19:2. He is not referring to regeneration and indwelling, as the text soon reveals, but to the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- B. How can I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and be filled with His Presence?
  - 1. Absolute surrender to the life and will of the Holy Spirit of God
  - 2. Offering of your body for the exclusive use of the Holy Spirit
  - 3. Yielding each day to the will and purposes of the Holy Spirit
  - 4. Trusting Him exclusively to live out the holiness of God in you and to demonstrate the power of God through you

Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

**Acts 1: 4-8 NASB**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

**Acts 2: 1-4 NASB**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between being indwelt by the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. What does the concept of baptism imply? How does baptism in the Holy Spirit relate to being filled with the Holy Spirit?
3. How do we know that every believer is, for sure, indwelt by the Holy Spirit?
4. Which Person of the Trinity??: We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit when we yield to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. We are baptized in the Holy Spirit when we surrender to \_\_\_\_\_ control.
5. The evidence of being baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit is His fruit produced in us (Gal.5:22-25) and His power manifest through us (1 Co 2:1-5). Do you have evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit??

### NOTES

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

**John 20: 19-22 NASB**

Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

**Romans 6: 11-14 NASB**

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

**Romans 12: 1 NASB**

**Paul R. Martin**  
Senior Pastor  
*Alliance Bible Church of McHenry, IL*