

The Book of Acts Pt 2. Pentecost: Equipped for the Mission

Acts 1:4-5 – “...Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

John 16:5-7 – “But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. Instead, you grieve because of what I have told you. But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.”

1. What happened to the disciples when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

Acts 2:1-8 – On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native language!”

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2. What does this require of us?

Holy Spirit isn’t for the spiritual elite; He is for everyone who would call on the name of Jesus.

3. Who is the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 3:16 – After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.

Genesis 1:2 – The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

4. What about evidence of Spirit Baptism?

Acts 10:44-46 – Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

Joel 2:28-29 – Then after doing all these things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and your 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.

Salvation is a transformational act, while Spirit baptism is an empowering one.

Your initial evidence should also point to actual continual evidence.

Ephesians 5:18 – Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The world needs to see that Jesus is the anointed one through the anointing of the Spirit that enables us to represent Jesus.