

# ***Pentecost and the Rebuilt Live***

***Filled to Build***

# ***The Acts 2 Fulfillment - Comfort and Power***

- ***The Promise***

- ***John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.***
  
- ***Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.***

# ***The Acts 2 Fulfillment***

- ***The Power***

- ***Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.***

- ***The Purpose***

- ***Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***

***Pentecost was the  
Beginning - not  
the Finish***

# ***We Celebrate:***

- ***We celebrate:***
  - *The rushing mighty wind,*
  - *The cloven tongues like fire,*
  - *The speaking in other tongues,*
  - *The supernatural outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*
  
- ***Acts 2 was one of the most transformative moments in human history.***
  - *The church was born.*
  - *Power descended.*
  - *Prophecy was fulfilled.*
  - *Ordinary people were filled with the Spirit of God.*

# ***Typical Pentecostal Sermon***

- ***Focus***
  - *The initial experience,*
  - *The manifestation,*
  - *The evidence,*
  - *The moment they were filled.*
- ***We celebrate that moment because Pentecost is:***
  - *Powerful.*
  - *Supernatural.*
  - *Necessary.*
    - *Jesus Himself commanded them:*
    - *“Tarry ye...until ye be endued with power from on high.”*

***The experience mattered.***

***Pentecost Is More  
Than a Moment***

# ***The Acts 2 Reality***

- ***But Acts 2 was not merely about what happened TO them that day. It was about what happened IN them afterward.***
- ***The real testimony of Pentecost was not simply:***
  - ***What they felt,***
  - ***What they spoke,***
  - ***What they experienced in an upper room***

***The real testimony (witness) was the transformed lives they lived afterward***

# ***Pentecost: Before and After***

- ***Peter***

- ***Before***

- ***Fearful, unstable, impulsive, denied Jesus three times, intimidated by a servant girl.***

- ***After***

- ***Stood before multitudes, preached boldly, understood prophecy, confronted authorities, eventually gave his life for Christ.***
    - ***The Holy Spirit transformed him.***

- ***The Disciples***

- ***Before***

- ***Arguing over who would be greatest, fleeing in fear, locking themselves behind closed doors, confused about the Kingdom***

- ***After***

- ***United, sacrificial, bold, prayerful, steadfast, spiritually disciplined.***

***Changed in a  
moment —  
Transformed over  
time.***

# ***Still Being Changed***

- ***Spirit-filled believers still had things on which God continued to Work***
  - ***Peter had to be confronted by Paul (Gal. 2)***
  - ***The Church at Corinth struggled with carnality, immorality, division, the flesh***
  - ***The Church at Galatia struggled with legalism***
  - ***The Hebrew believers struggled with spiritual immaturity***
  - ***Paul himself wrote in Romans 7 of his struggle between the flesh and the Spirit***

***Pentecost did not instantly perfect them - It initiated a lifelong rebuilding process.***

## ***Filled in a Moment - Rebuilt Through a Process***

- ***The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not merely an experience to remember, but a life to walk in.***
- ***There is a difference between:***
  - ***Receiving the Spirit and walking in the Spirit.***
- ***There is a difference between:***
  - ***A moment of filling and a life of transformation.***

# ***Walls and Gates***

*Rebuilding the Soul with Nehemiah*

***“He that hath no rule  
over his own spirit is  
like a city that is broken  
down, and without  
walls.” — Proverbs 25:28 KJV***

# ***A City Without Walls and Gates***

- ***A city without walls and gates has no:***
  - ***Order***
  - ***Authority***
  - ***Boundaries***
  - ***Security***
  - ***Identity***
  - ***Governance***

***A city without walls was exposed to anything that wanted to enter.***

# ***A Soul Without Walls and Gates***

- ***A soul without walls and gates is vulnerable to:***
  - ***Fear and doubt***
  - ***Anxiety***
  - ***Despair***
  - ***Jealousy***
  - ***Lust***
  - ***Greed***
  - ***Bitterness***
  - ***Impulsiveness***
  - ***Addiction***
  - ***uncontrolled appetites***
  - ***Pride***
  - ***Discouragement***
  - ***Unstable emotions***
  - ***Obsessive thoughts***
  - ***Undisciplined speech***
  - ***Wavering faith***
  - ***Hopelessness***

# ***Nehemiah - God Comforts***

***Nehemiah 1:1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.***

**The Remnant are the  
Redeemed (?)**

**But ye shall receive power, after that  
the Holy Ghost is come upon you:  
and ye shall be witnesses unto me  
both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,  
and in Samaria, and unto the  
uttermost part of the earth. - *Acts 1:8***