

# Lesson 6

## The Holy Spirit After Pentecost

### Weekly Exercise Reminder

Jesus says “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

One way of opening up our spirits to God is worshipping the Lord through listening to worship music. Set aside 10 minutes every day this week to assume a worshipful position. Ask the Lord to let you worship Him in spirit and in truth as you listen closely to the music. Sitting alone with eyes closed and hands open, kneeling or lying face down on the ground are all good ways to separate out this time as holy.

*“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

*Romans 15:13*

### Impartation of the Holy Spirit

In the book of Acts we see the Holy Spirit poured out on believers just as Jesus had promised. Jesus instructs His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power to witness for Him when the Holy Spirit came upon them. They would be His witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth (Acts 1:8). When we read the book of Acts we see this literally fulfilled as the Holy Spirit is poured out upon believers in Jerusalem, Samaria and the world beyond.

1. There are five accounts of people receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit in Acts. Read each one, writing down what you learn about the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in these different settings. In each case record who received the Holy Spirit, what must the recipients do to receive the Spirit, how is the Spirit poured out, and what are the results?
  - ❖ Acts 2
  - ❖ Acts 8:12-25
  - ❖ Acts 9:17-22
  - ❖ Acts 10:44-48

- ❖ Acts 19:1-7
2. Look back over the above accounts. How are they similar and how are they different? Was the laying on of hands required in each account? Were all the recipients Jewish? Was water baptism a prerequisite? What words are used to describe receiving the Holy Spirit? How do you explain the differences in these accounts?
  3. Read Acts 4:8, 4:31, 13:9 and 13:52. From these instances, do you think the filling of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event or is this something that can be repeated again and again? List some of the results of the filling of the Holy Spirit in these verses.
  4. Stephen was the first martyr for the Lord Jesus Christ. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of Stephen from Acts 6:3-6, 8, 10; 7:54-55.
  5. Read the story of Philip and the eunuch in Acts 8:26-40. Discuss what happens in this scene.
  6. What do you see the Holy Spirit doing in Acts 9:31?
  7. Discuss what you learn about the Holy Spirit from Acts 13:2-3 and 20:28.
  8. From Acts 11:12, 13:2 -3 and 15:28, do you think we can discern what the Holy Spirit is saying? Discuss.
  9. What role does the Holy Spirit play in Acts 16:6-7 and 21:4?

10. Discuss the gift of the Holy Spirit that is seen in Acts 2:18, 11:28-30, 20:23 and 21:10-11.

## Signs and Wonders

11. Scan the following passages and discuss what you learn from them about signs and wonders: Acts 5:12, 6:8, 8:6, 8:13, 14:3 and 15:12.
12. Why are signs and wonders performed according to Romans 15:18-19, I Corinthians 2:4-5 and I Thessalonians 1:5?
13. Who is the One who deserves the credit for signs and wonders according to Acts 4:29-30 and 19:11?
14. Are signs and wonders a part of your normal experience? If not, what do you think keeps them from occurring?

## Fullness of the Spirit Today

15. There is a serious warning against trying to receive the Holy Spirit before one has received the gift of salvation in Acts 19:11-17. Discuss what you learn about this from this account. If you never have received the gift of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, or are not sure, then turn to the Appendix for more information.
16. If you have settled the issue of your salvation by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ through faith, then you have also received His Holy Spirit within you. However, as we have seen in the lives of the people in Acts, experiencing the fullness of the Spirit can be magnified. Do you want more of the Holy Spirit in your life? Ask, seek and knock right now. Write out a prayer to the Lord about this.

## Weekly Exercise for Our Spirits

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Just like God commanded Moses to bless the sons of Israel, we are called to bless others. And in the process, our spirits are blessed! Each day this week, find a way to pronounce a blessing over a loved one, friend or even a stranger. This is different than praying for someone – you are declaring the fullness of God’s love and grace into their spirits. You can use the words of Moses from the above scripture as your guide, but first, ask the Lord how He would like you to bless each person.

## Lecture Notes: