

REVIVE CHURCH—PENTECOST 2024

Pentecost was an annual Jewish feast also known as the feast of weeks or the day of first fruits. A celebration of the first buds of the harvest. Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. Those who became Christians on Pentecost were the first fruits of a vast harvest of billions of souls. Pentecost would take on a whole new meaning.

This is the day we celebrate the outpouring of The Holy Spirit upon His church. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not simply an add on but is a primary goal of the Bible for all believers.

Today I want to teach on the doctrine and experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

John the Baptist baptized with water for repentance. John introduced Jesus in John 1:29 as the lamb of God but He introduced Jesus as the baptizer in all all 4 gospels.

Matthew 3:11 *“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with **the Holy Spirit and fire**.”*

John’s call was one that would remove the barrier of sin through repentance that was keeping us separated from God. John was the forerunner of Jesus Christ and he emphasized ***That the baptism of Holy Spirit and fire that would be released through Jesus.***

Acts 1:4-5 (NKJV) *4 And being assembled together with [them,] He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise of the Father**, “which,” [He said,] “you have heard from Me; 5 “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”*

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Jesus spent 40 days on earth following His resurrection revealing himself to His disciples. Following His ascension the disciples met in one accord in the upper room in prayer for 10 days. (Acts 1:14). The 120 were missing Jesus terribly, still mourning His loss they were crying out to be immersed in the Holy Spirit. They were waiting for The Promise of the Father.

Acts 2:1-8 (NKJV) *1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven**, as of a rushing mighty wind,*

and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them **divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them.** 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 “And how [is it that] we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?”

- *This was quite the entrance. The 120 were in one accord, one mind, one desire. Unified in prayer and expectancy.*
- *And suddenly!!!! God moments where He sovereignly moves and changes everything.*
- **Wind**-There came a noise like a violent rushing wind and it filled the whole house. The sound that drew the crowd. It was the noise like a violent rushing wind. 2:6-6 *And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together (Holy Spirit is the breath of God)*
- **Fire**-Tongues as of (like) fire distributing themselves, resting on each one of them. The flame sat upon them!
- **They were all filled with the Holy Spirit (breath of God)** and began speaking with other tongues or languages as the Spirit was giving them utterance (*This was not a trance, they were speaking, He was empowering*).
- **The crowd was confounded (Confused, perplexed) because these Galilean, uneducated men were speaking other known languages! This was a benefit of the curse being reversed.** In Genesis 11, man was unified against God and worked together to see what they could build (tower of Babel) and God confused their language. In Acts , 120 men and women came together unified for God and He poured out His Holy Spirit and blessed their language in such a way that they were all speaking in the power of the Holy Spirit telling the nations of the wonderful works of God.

Purpose of the infilling was not so we would have a specific gift but that we would have the fullness of the Holy Spirit who possesses all gifts, establishes all fruit and is the power of God living in you and through you. **Jesus Is the primary example of the work of the Holy Spirit within and upon us. Jesus life was conceived by the spirit and the spirit working within him brought forth the fruit of good character. Later the spirit came upon Jesus to bring forth a ministry of power. The distinct purpose of the outpouring of the spirit in acts is to empower the church for ministry**

Holy Spirit longs for the fullness of Jesus purity and power to fill you and flow through you in greater measure. There is a fire that is available for every believer who will not settle but will pursue the fullness of His Holy Spirit.

There is a diversity in teaching about being filled with the Holy Spirit but perhaps that is because there is diversity in the New Testament itself. Though we were meant to build bridges within the Kingdom of God we have built doctrinal walls that highlights our upbringing and experience and has no allowance for others. God doesn't follow our systematic and doctrinal systems; He is not contained by us though often times our unbelief confines Him from moving fully.

Baptism (being filled) in the Holy Spirit is often a distinct work of God following salvation. However, according to the word of God can happen at the time of conversion, before baptism, with tongues, with prophecy, with boldness, with joy accompanying it. It is evident that God likes diversity. The Holy Spirit is free to do it any way He pleases and our job is to hunger and thirst for everything that He has.

The one consistent evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is a life that looks more like Jesus. When we read the history of church Fathers and their interpretation and experience of what it looked like to be filled with the Holy Spirit you once again came into a variety of encounters and experiences that add to the conclusion of an incredibly big God who manifests His Spirit in a variety of ways.

Different works of the Holy Spirit

Receiving the Holy Spirit

In John 20 after Jesus death and resurrection but prior to His ascension Jesus breathed upon His disciples

***John 20:21-22**-So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and *said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

- In receiving the person of the Holy Spirit the disciples are born again and received the indwelling Holy Spirit. This happens when sinners receive the finished work of Jesus Christ, placing their faith in Him alone, Making them a new creation!
- This passage parallels the Father breathing on Adam in the first creation and a new creation began.

- **This is John 3:3 being born again.** If you are born again, you are saved and the Holy Spirit lives with you.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit

- A deeper work of full consecration, fully yielding your life to the life of Jesus Christ
- Being equipped from power on high to fulfill your mission to the world.
- Both purifies your heart and empowers. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 was marked by heaven invading, supernatural, manifestation of fruit joy, evangelism, harvest.
- A crises moment that is different from salvation

Fellowship, abiding, getting to know and understand Holy Spirit. Ongoing encounters and fillings with the Holy Spirit.

1. **Acts 13:52** (NASB) And the disciples were **continually filled** with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
2. **2 Corinthians 13:14** (NKJV) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **communion of the Holy Spirit** [be] with you all. Amen.

We receive Him (Holy Spirit) by faith as we receive the Lord in salvation by faith. He comes as a gift of God to us in power. First, He comes in some degree and measure when we are converted, otherwise we couldn't be converted. Without Him we couldn't be born again, because we are born of the Spirit. But I am talking about something different now, an advance over that. I am talking about His coming and possessing the full" **A. Z. Tozer,**

Ephesians 5:17-18 (NKJV) 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord [is.] 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

This command of "be filled with the Holy Spirit" means to be constantly and continually filled, empowered with the Holy Spirit as a way of life.

Luke 11:13 (NKJV) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more **will [your] heavenly Father** give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The question for today is if you have been saved by His grace, have you been baptized by the Holy Spirit of God. Have you given Him everything you know how to give and have you received His fullness. Are streams of living water flowing from you, are you abiding in the continual filling of the Presence of God? Is the fire of God burning within? Are you free from the power of sin in your life and does the Holy Spirit have His full grip upon you?

Some are full based upon what they know and God is willing to take you to the area that is unknown to you, where the Spirit reigns and leads the way.

steps that can be used to obtain the baptism in the Holy Spirit (*these are meant to help guide.*)

1. Repent and receive Jesus Christ as Lord
2. Change your mind about sin, renounce it
3. Hunger and thirst for righteousness, long for more of Jesus through prayer and the word. Feed your faith
4. Obedience and total surrender of ever part of your life
5. Ask, contend, tarry until your filled (Luke 24:49)
6. Have a Spirit filled believer lay hands on you
7. Receive by faith

This is not to be a doctrine that can be fully explained with the mind, it is an experience, an encounter with an immersion from Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit and promised by the Father. God's plan was not just to save you from hell but to fill you with Himself on order that you could become the representation of Jesus on the earth

We need God in us restoring that beautiful image of Christ to rightly represent God.

Home group questions

1. Do you know Jesus as the baptizer? Why the emphasis in all 4 Gospels?
2. Share your personal experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit? If you haven't had this experience are you willing?
3. What are the purposes of being filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. Discuss the 3 different woks of the Holy Spirit listed in the teaching.

5. We need to be filled with God in order to rightly represent Him. Discuss
Spend time praying for people to be filled!