

Wind of the Spirit

Part 2

Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

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“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

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Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy...

Peter continued to preach about Jesus to the crowd quoting from
Joel 2, Psalm 16 & Psalm 110

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36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this
Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to
Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the
name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your
children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will
call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them,
“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three
thousand were added to their number that day.

1. Before the Wind of the Spirit came, there was Unity

Vs. 1

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all **together** in one place.

Together here means more than in proximity, it means: **with one accord, with one mind**

One of the first noticeable marks of God moving in a place or among a people is a Wonderful sense of Unity among those present...

The Holy Spirit always compliments and carries out the will of Jesus...

Jesus prayed this prayer before going to the cross...

John 17

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21 that all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.** Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

- When Jesus prayed, unity was His goal and plan.
- When the Holy Spirit moves, He brings people together in Unity...
- This is why it's so important to guard against division in any body of believers... It is in the context of unity that God moves and the Kingdom of God advances...

- From a Christian Group that meets at a School, to a Church to a group of Christian friends who get together for coffee, unity in the Spirit is needed...
- The Spirit of God abides in an atmosphere of agreement and unity...
- God demonstrates this among the Disciples in the early Church.

2. Before the Wind of the Holy Spirit came, there was Prayer

Acts 1

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. **13** When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying...

14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

- Prayer seasoned with urgency and desperation is a powerful thing...
- If there was ever a time when the Disciples felt the overwhelming need to touch God in prayer, it must have been at this moment...
- Peter has just been restored after denying Jesus 3 times...
- They have all abandoned Jesus at the crucifixion with the exception of John...
- While Jesus was in the grave, they all hid in fear...
- Now after being with Jesus for 40 days Jesus is gone, and they are all very much aware of their need for the Holy Spirit...
- In other words if God was going to use them, he was going to use imperfect people...

There is nothing more powerful than a prayer meeting full of hungry people...

Spiritual hunger is the very thing needed to stir people to prayer and for God to move by His Holy Spirit, satisfying that spiritual hunger...

Acts 2 says that after they prayed a while and came together in unity...

Vs. 2

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

- The Wind of the Spirit blew...
- Tongues of Fire rested upon them...
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues...
- People from all over witnessed this and wondered what it was...
- Peter preached message explaining the work of the Holy Spirit...
- Those who accepted his message were baptized...
- About 3000 were added to the church in one day...

Then at the end of Acts chapter 2 it says this:

Vs. 42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

3. After the Wind of the Spirit, there was a God given Love

A Love for God...

A Love for the things of God...

A Love for the people of God...

Vs. 42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

This is the first time we see what I call the 3 Christian Disciplines:

1. They were devoted to God's Word...
2. They were devoted to the Fellowship of Believers...
3. They were devoted to God in Prayer...

- All the believers were together and had everything in common.
- They give to anyone who had need.
- They continued to meet together.
- They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,
- They praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.
- And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

A Couple thoughts:

1. I think the Love of God is a bigger deal than we realize...
2. I think “loving one another” is a bigger deal than we realize...

3. I wonder this; What if Christians loving one another is one of the secrets to unlocking evangelism like the church has never seen?

Asbury University Chapel Service that lead to Revival

Rev. Zach spoke to the student body from Romans 12 on “What is Love and Becoming Love in Action”

- Then He asked the Question “Do you love me?”
- He Read from Romans 12:9-21

It starts like this:

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

- He said in those 13 Verses there are 30 commandments...
- He continues to teach on all these commandments to love and at the end he asked, so how are you doing with all these?...
- Then he made a profound statement, “if you want to become the Love of God you first have to experience the Love of God”...

Closing Song: