

Wind of the Spirit

Part 3

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.

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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.”

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

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.

Because of the Holy Spirit

1. There was Unity
 2. There was Prayer
 3. There was a love for God and for one another
- All of this is the awesome work of the Holy Spirit...
 - The Early Church was born in the Power of the Spirit...
 - Jesus has ascended, now the Apostles and Believers are learning to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit...

John 3

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

Following the Holy Spirit is a lot like the way Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit, a wind that blows...

The Holy Spirit leads
The Holy Spirit teaches
The Holy Spirit helps
The Holy Spirit enables

Acts 2: Peter, as far as we know, had never preached to a multitude of people until the day of Pentecost... He had seen Jesus do this, now the Holy Spirit is leading him

Acts 3: Peter and John were going to prayer when prompted by the Holy Spirit he takes the hand of the man at the gates called beautiful and miracle happened... the man was healed... The number of believers grew to about five thousand... Peter had seen Jesus do things like this, now the Holy Spirit leading him...

Acts 4: When questioning and threats by religious leaders, Peter and John answer with great spiritual authority... Peter had seen Jesus do this, now the Holy Spirit is leading them...

Acts 4

8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them:** “Rulers and elders of the people!... **12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

- Peter and John responded boldly to the men who opposed and rejected Jesus as the risen Savior... They speak boldly as the Holy Spirit lead them...
- **In the midst of Opposition, the Holy Spirit leads them....**
- **In Miracles and Witnessing, the Holy Spirit leads them...**
- **In Prayer, the Holy Spirit leads them...**
- **In Beliefs and Understanding, the Holy Spirit leads them...**

The Disciples are now doing the things they saw Jesus do...

The Holy Spirit helps us do the things that Jesus did...

John 14:12

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

The wind of the Holy Spirit continues to lead...

Acts 8: Phillip preaches in Samaria and Revival breaks out...

- First in Jerusalem and the people of Judea...
- Now in Samaria...

Acts 9: Saul, a persecutors of the Church is converted to Christ...

Acts 10:

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9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. **10** He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. **11** He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. **12** It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. **13** Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

14 "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

15 The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. **18** They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

19 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. **20** So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

Do you see what's happening here: The wind is blowing...

- First in Jerusalem and the people of Judea...
- Then in Samaria...
- Now the Gentiles

Starting to sound like

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Peter goes to the home of Cornelius

Vs. 27-29

Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. **28** He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. **29** So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection.

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Peter preaches Jesus to these Gentiles

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. **45** The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. **46** For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, **47** “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”

- **In Opposition, the Holy Spirit leads them....**
- **In Miracles and Witnessing, the Holy Spirit leads them...**
- **In Prayer, the Holy Spirit leads them...**
- **In Beliefs and Understanding, the Holy Spirit leads them...**

1 John 2

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.

27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and **as that anointing is real**, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

anointing: chrisma - ointment, oil, unction, special endowment of the Holy Spirit.

The Anointing you received from him remains in you...

The Anointing teaches you...

The Anointing is real...

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Closing Song: