

Wind of the Spirit Part 4

In Acts 10

- Cornelius a Centurion one day during prayer had a vision, in that vision he saw an angel; the Angel told Cornelius to send men to Joppa to look for a man named Simon called Peter...
- Meanwhile Peter was on the rooftop praying, when he fell into a trance and God showed him a vision of all kinds of animals, reptiles and birds that are forbidden to eat... The Lord tells Peter to kill and eat, Peter responds "Surely not, Lord! I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."
- Then the Lord speaks to Peter... Do not call anything unclean that I have made clean....
- As Peter is still in the vision the Spirit tells him there are three men looking for you, go down and meet them, so Peter goes downstairs as the men sent by Cornelius arrive at the house...
- Peter goes with these men to Caesarea to Cornelius's House...
- When Peter arrives and the home is full of none Jewish people...
- Peter preaches about Jesus to this house full of Gentiles...

Scripture says

Acts 10:44-46

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.

- Acts Chapter 2 the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Jew
- Acts Chapter 10 the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentile

Paul in Ephesians Chapter 2 describes what God has done by His Holy Spirit specifically for the Gentile but also for the Jew...

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

1 Peter 2:5

you also, like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house

1 Corinthians 3

16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that **God's Spirit dwells in your midst?** **17** If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and **you together are that temple.**

- The reference Paul uses here to God's temple is the temple at Jerusalem, consisting of the Holy place and the Holy of Holies...

When Jesus died on the cross the Bible says

Matthew 27

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two **from top to bottom**. The earth shook, the rocks split.

- Does anybody know what was behind the veil?
- Does you know why the veil was torn from top to bottom?

God is no longer invested in brick and mortar...

God's presence is no longer limited to a certain place...

- God has now fully invests himself in this temple called the redeemed, who are washed in the blood of the lamb and filled with His Holy Spirit...
- There is this picture of a spirit filled people **joined together in him to become a holy temple in the Lord...**

- It is spiritual and dynamic
- It is authentic and real
- It is no longer a temple built by hands but now flesh and blood
- it is organic and growing
- it is the gift of God to the world, it is the Spirit filled Church.
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- it is a gift from God to the world, it is the Spirit filled Church.
- A Church filled with the Holy Spirit is a powerful instrument for God.

- As a result of Jesus dying on the Cross and the Holy Spirit being given to us, the fellowship between God and Man that Adam lost in the Garden was restored...
- You and I are meant to be like Ark of the Covenants walking around, housing the presence of God...
- This anointing is no longer just for the Prophet, Priest and King but now with many...
- This is the Spirit filled Church...

Romans 8:14

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

- The nature of our calling to follower Jesus is to be lead by the Spirit...
- The Holy Spirit got us started and the Holy Spirit will get us to the finish line...
- We get into trouble when we try to do it our own strength...

This is what happened to the Church in Galatia when Paul writes to them in

Galatians 3:3

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

The Galatian Church had fallen away from the work of the Spirit and gotten to the place where they were trying to serve God in their own strength, by observing and following the law... And it never works...

- It never works to try and live this Christian life without the help of the Holy Spirit; it will burn you up and spit you out...
- It's not about works...
- It's not about legalism and following the law...
- It's about being full of the Holy Spirit, in love with his presence and his word, and everything that comes out of you is from Him...

It might sound complicated but it's not...

Can I tell you hearing God's voice is not complicated...

it's only hard to hear God's voice, if your not hearing his voice...

It's only difficult if you don't take time to listen...

It's only hard if you don't take time in His presence...

Story: The Lord visited me when I was lying in bed...

He said, "If your going to work for me, your gonna have to learn, to wait on me and hear my voice."

- If you want to hear his voice then start by getting in his presence...

God will speak through two primary ways:

1. **Logos** - *John 1:1* "In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. Word here is the Greek word Logos, and it is referring to Christ himself, or the written word, the Holy Scripture.

2. **Rhema** - Luke 5:5 *“But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.””* Word here is the Greek word Rhema, referring to that which is or has been uttered by the living voice.

- As believers, we have the extraordinary privilege of being a habitation for the Holy Spirit...
- Hearing God’s voice is meant to be natural for the believer...
- From his Word, from Prayer and Fellowship with the Holy Spirit...

As a matter of fact if you show me a person who is madly in love with Jesus and desires to follow God’s will for their life more than anything else... I believe it will be almost impossible for that person to miss what God has for them...

Psalm 37:23

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.

2 Timothy 1

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Closing Song: