

**God's Better Plan****Pentecostal Power!****Hebrews 2:1-4 The Proof of Pentecost**

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**The Holy Spirit** | *Prophesied in the OT and NT the Holy Spirit would be "poured out"*

**Joel 2:28-29**

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**Matthew 3:11 (Mark 1:8)**

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.

**The Holy Spirit** | *Promised by Jesus that he would send the Holy Spirit*

**John 14:16-17**

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

**Luke 24:49**

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.

**Acts 1:8**

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.

**The Holy Spirit** | *Poured out on the disciples and early church as prophesied and promised.*

**The Book of Acts**

**Jews (ch. 2)** The apostles and first disciples of Jesus Christ in the upper room.

**Samaritans (ch. 8)** The despised half-breed Israelites to the north

**Gentiles (chs. 10, 19)** The uncircumcised rest of the world

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If we are to heed the warning and NOT drift away from the Gospel, we must be People of the Spirit: people not afraid of God's supernatural presence in our lives and church, but Spirit-filled people fully invested in everything that God has given the church

to thrive until the return of Christ Jesus! The Word of Truth and the Spirit of Truth must coexist within the believer to assure spiritual stability and ever-increasing maturity!

**Acts 2:1-4 The Promise of Pentecost**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Three Signs on the Day of Pentecost: **Audible, Visible, and Verbal**

**3 Signs on the Day of Pentecost:**

- **Audible** – sound of a powerful wind filled the room heard by all present
- **Visible** – fire that touched each person in the room
- **Language** – spoken words unlearned and unknown to the person

**Acts 2:22-24; 32-33 The Preaching of Pentecost**

<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you,

with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him...<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

<sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

***This is the MESSAGE that Hebrews 2:1-4 warns us NOT to drift away from!***

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**1 Corinthians 12:7-13 The Purpose of Pentecost**

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<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body... <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1. Message of Wisdom
2. Message of Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of Healing
5. Miraculous Powers
6. Prophecy
7. Distinguishing between spirits
8. Speaking in tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

**1 Corinthians 14:39-40**

<sup>39</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and **do not forbid speaking in tongues.**

<sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

**Acts 2:36-39 The Posterity of Pentecost**

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

***The Baptism with the Holy Spirit...***

- Is a subsequent experience to being born of the Spirit at salvation.
- Is a subsequent experience to being baptized in water for the believer.
- Is given to all who ask the Lord for it and according to the will of the Father!

***The Initial Physical Evidence of speaking in tongues...***

- Is not gibberish but a language given to you by God.
- Is the divine sign for you to know that you have received the promise of the Father.
- Is a marvelous moment when God's Spirit and our human spirit join together resulting in the most beautiful utterance of speech with words originating from the divine nature within us

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directed toward our heavenly Father! For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. (1 Cor. 14:2)

- Is a supernatural phenomenon, yet the speaker is in control of the vocalization while the Spirit provides the vocabulary!