



Into: Over the next 4 weeks leading up to Pentecost we will be looking through the Scriptures at the role and work of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Word of God prophets have declared that there would be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Probably the most famous of these prophecies is...

Joel 2:28-29 ““And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Notice:

**The Holy Spirit will be poured out and made available to ALL...
Jew, Gentile, Old, Young, Man, Woman**

The Holy Spirit is promised to be poured out, but never any mention that it is only for a set time frame.

This prophecy was fulfilled on pentecost over 2000 years ago.

Acts 1:4-8 “The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which [a]He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 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.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 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.”

Vs. 4 “Wait for the Promise of the Father, which...you have heard from me

A reference to John 14-16

The Holy Spirit empowers

The Holy Spirit guides.

The Holy Spirit comforts

The Holy Spirit reveals

Vs. 5 Baptized with the Holy Spirit

Baptized - Greek = “to immerse, to submerge, to overwhelm”

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is separate from water baptism.

When you surrender your life to Jesus and are water baptized it is a testament to the fact that he has complete authority in your life. His spirit resides in you bringing your spirit to life (you have passed from death to life...Colossians 1:27 Christ in you is the hope of glory.)

Vs. 8 The purpose of the baptism with the Holy Spirit is to EMPOWER you...

Power - Greek = “dynamis” = ‘inherent power, strength, ability by virtue of its nature which a person exerts and puts forth.

When you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit you take on and function in HIS inherent power and ability which resides in you and into which you have been immersed.

It is a transformative, miracle working power.

(Analogy of the pickle...infilling transformation and external immersion)

The Holy Spirit empowers you to WITNESS

Witness - Greek = “martys...martoos” = witness in a legal sense

Conclusion: