

# THE HOLY SPIRIT: BUILDING FOR BLESSING

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### I. INTRODUCTION

**A. God often does the structural before He does the supernatural.**

**B. God may do the structural by the experience of the supernatural.**

**Acts 19:1-2** While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

### C. YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT!

*1. You Need the Holy Spirit for the World in Which You Live.*

**Acts 2:1-4** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**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."

**A. You are a witness in this world.**

- Your world needs a Spirit-filled you as a witness.

**B. You are a warrior in this world.**

**Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

**Ephesians 6:17-18** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

- We fight spiritual battles through the power of the Spirit.

## ***2. You Need the Holy Spirit for the Days that are Ahead.***

**Ephesians 1:17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

### **A. You need wisdom for the days ahead.**

**Ephesians 2:22** And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### **B. You need God's presence for the days ahead.**

## ***3. You Need the Holy Spirit for the Life to Which You Are Called.***

**Ephesians 3:16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

### **A. You are called to strength.**

**Ephesians 4:29-32** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

### **B. You are called to freedom.**

**2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**Ephesians 5:18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

### **C. You are called to fullness.**

**Acts 19:6** When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

### **D. You need the Holy Spirit!**