



5 Day Devotionals for I AM Worship Church
The Baptism of Holy Spirit & Fire
Pastor Mark Ogletree • Sunday, May 17, 2026



Day 1: The Spirit Who Pursues You

Reading: John 14:15-17; Romans 8:9-11

Devotional: Before you ever thought about God, He was thinking about you. The Holy Spirit was already at work in your life—convicting, drawing, wooing you toward truth. This is prevenient grace, God's pursuing love that never gives up. You didn't accidentally stumble into faith; the Spirit orchestrated divine appointments, used people and circumstances, and whispered truth to your heart until you finally surrendered. Today, reflect on your salvation story. When did you first sense God drawing you? How did the Spirit work "with you" before He came to live "in you"? Thank God for His relentless pursuit and ask Him to make you aware of how He's still working around you, preparing you for what's next in your spiritual journey.

Day 2: The Indwelling Presence

Reading: John 20:19-22; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Devotional: When Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit," everything changed. What was once external became internal. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead now lives inside every believer. This is not just theological truth—it's transformational reality. You are not alone in your struggles, your decisions, or your daily walk. The Spirit of the living God has taken up permanent residence within you. Old things have passed away; new life has begun. Today, pause and acknowledge this profound truth: you are a temple of the Holy Spirit. How does this change how you view your body, your choices, your purpose? Ask God to make you more aware of His indwelling presence throughout your day.

Day 3: Power for Your Assignment

Reading: Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4

Devotional: Salvation is not the end of your story—it's the beginning. Jesus commanded His disciples to wait for power from on high because He knew they had an assignment that required supernatural enablement. The same is true for you. God hasn't just saved you from something; He's saved you for something. You



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have a unique calling, specific battles to fight, people to reach, and a testimony to share. But you cannot fulfill your assignment in your own strength. The baptism of the Holy Spirit brings power—power to witness, power to stand, power to overcome, power to be effective in a dark world. Are you trying to live the Christian life in your own strength? Today, ask God to baptize you afresh with Holy Spirit power for the assignment He's given you.

Day 4: Refined by Fire

Reading: Malachi 3:1-3; 1 Peter 1:6-7; James 1:2-4

Devotional: The same Spirit who empowers you also purifies you. Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire—not to destroy you, but to refine you. Like a silversmith who carefully watches the metal in the furnace, God allows trials and pressure in your life to bring impurities to the surface. The fire isn't punishment; it's purification. It burns away pride, hidden sin, unforgiveness, selfish ambition, and everything that cannot go where God is taking you next. The refiner never abandons the silver in the fire—He watches carefully, knowing exactly how much heat you can handle. You're not just going through it; you're growing through it. What is God burning out of your life right now? Instead of resisting the fire, surrender to it. Pray: "Burn away everything in me that's not like You."

Day 5: Come On In

Reading: Luke 11:9-13; Revelation 3:20

Devotional: Jesus stands at the door and knocks. He won't force His way into areas of your life you've kept locked. The baptism of the Holy Spirit isn't something you earn or work for—it's something you receive by asking and surrendering. The question isn't whether God is willing; it's whether you're willing. Are you hungry for more? Are you tired of powerless Christianity? Are you ready to stop managing God and start surrendering to Him? Today is your invitation to open every door, every room, every hidden place in your life and say, "Come on in." Don't settle for survival when God promises supernatural empowerment. Ask the Father to fill you afresh with His Holy Spirit. Surrender your fears, your pride, your agenda. Let the fire fall. The promise is still available. Jesus is still baptizing people in the Holy Spirit and fire today.



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Reflection Questions for the Week:

- How has the Holy Spirit been pursuing you, even before you recognized it?
- What areas of your life need the purifying fire of God?
- Are you living in the power of the Holy Spirit, or are you trying to fulfill God's calling in your own strength?
- What would change in your life if you fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit's work in you and upon you?