

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

## Part 2

### The Meaning of Pentecost

In this second message of the "Holy Spirit" series, Pastor Tré explained the meaning of Pentecost. Pentecost marks the 50th day after the crucifixion, when the Holy Spirit was poured out over the Church. In the Jewish calendar, there are three major holidays called Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Through His fulfillment of these three holidays, God exemplifies His perfect plan that He desires to implement in our lives. Passover-when God spared the lives of the sons of Israelites who put lamb's blood over their doors during the plague-represents our salvation. We are saved by God's grace. It isn't about anything we've done; it is a gift from God. Pentecost-the day that God wrote His law on tablets of stone (the Ten Commandments) represents the God's power to make a difference in our lives. When the Holy Spirit filled His Church, He wrote His law on our hearts and gave us access to His power. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live **righteously, supernaturally, and on mission** to accomplish the things God created us to do. We need His help to live out the calling that God has placed on our lives.

*While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciple 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." - Acts 19:1-2*

### Discussion Questions

- Discuss what the power of the Holy Spirit is and why it is so important to for you to walk in that power once you've decided to follow Jesus. If you're filled with the Holy Spirit, share how His empowerment helps you in your spiritual journey.
- Share some practical ways you cultivate the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. How has your relationship with the Holy Spirit changed the way you approach and experience daily time in the Word, worship, and prayer? How does He empower you in these areas?
- Since deciding to follow Jesus, what are some steps you've taken with the Holy Spirit that have empowered you to live righteously, supernaturally, and on a mission.

### Prayer Focus

This week, pray using Romans 8:9: "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you." Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you, and ask God to help you set aside any previous misconceptions you had about the Holy Spirit so you can live by His power and not your own understanding.

### Next Steps

Whether your relationship with the Holy Spirit is new or you've known Him for a long time, you need to continually move forward and grow closer to Him. Make plans to attend service throughout the rest of the Holy Spirit series to learn more about Him. Be sure to spend time in worship, the Word, and prayer every day to better your understanding of the Holy Spirit and strengthen your relationship with Him.

### Leader Tip

Ask others what their prayer needs are, and pray for each of them daily. Encourage others to live by the Spirit and not by their flesh.