

THE UNFORGETTABLE FIRE – 1-21-18

The inextinguishable, unquenchable **fire** of the Holy Spirit.
*All of us as believers should expect and seek the promise of the Father,
the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire. (devouring)

The Holy Spirit was sent here to assist us in living life.

John 14:16 I'll ask the Father & He'll give you another Advocate, who'll never leave you.**17** He's the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world can't receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him & doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives **with** you now & later will be **in** you.

26 When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He'll teach you everything and will remind you of everything I've told you.

John 15:26 AMP When the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthenener, Standby) comes, Whom I'll send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.

John 16:7 ...it's best for you (to your advantage) that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go, then I'll send Him to you.

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, He'll guide you into all truth...

Luke 24:49 "I'll send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes & fills you w/ *power* from heaven."

Acts 1:8 **You'll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You'll be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—...**

Acts 2:1 NKJV When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all w/ one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind & it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire & one sat upon each of them. 4 & they were all filled w/ the Holy Spirit & began to speak w/ other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

By being baptized w/ the Holy Spirit, we receive His power, gifts, & spiritual prayer abilities.

11b...We all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!”

37 Peter’s words pierced their heart & they said to him & to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins; turn to God & be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you’ll receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (later about 3000 people were saved)

After they receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they have a passion that lasts a lifetime & empowers them to speak the word of God boldly!

Acts 3 Peter & John, full of the Holy Spirit prayed for a crippled beggar; he was healed and jumped up leaping, dancing & praising God!!

Acts 4:1 ...Peter & John were speaking to the people....**4** many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000...**8** Peter, filled w/ the Holy Spirit, said, “Rulers & elders of our people, 9 are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? 10 Let me clearly state to all of you & to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ, the man you crucified but God raised from the dead 11 Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone

that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone' 12 There's salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." 13 The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter & John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus...

18 They called the apostles back in & commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter & John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than Him? 20 We cannot stop telling about everything we've seen & heard....

29 Lord, hear their threats, & give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching Your word. 30 Stretch out Your hand w/ healing power; may miraculous signs & wonders be done through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 After this prayer, the meeting place shook, & they were all filled w/ the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God w/ boldness. 32 All the believers were united in heart & mind.

The Holy Spirit can only work when we submit to Him.

Acts 5:12 The apostles were performing many miraculous signs & wonders among the people. All the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple...**14** more & more people believed & were brought to the Lord —crowds of both men & women. 15 As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds & mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. 16 Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

*This Holy Spirit experience is **distinct from & subsequent to the experience of the new birth.***

Acts 8:12 The people believed Philip's message of Good News 'bout the Kingdom of God & the name of Jesus. As a result, many men & women were baptized. 13 Simon himself believed & was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, & he was amazed by the signs & great miracles Philip performed. 14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter & John there. 15 As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. 16 The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter & John laid their hands upon these believers, & they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:31 The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, & Samaria, & it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. W/ the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers.

When we walk w/ the Holy Spirit, we have His power & anointing.

Acts 10:38 You know that God anointed Jesus w/ the Holy Spirit & w/ power. Then Jesus went around doing good & healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was w/ Him...

Acts 10:44 As Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. 45 The Jewish believers who came w/ Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles too. 46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues & praising God. 47 Then Peter asked, "Can anyone object to their being baptized now that they've received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" 48 So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Acts 11:15 "As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. 16 Then I thought of the Lord's words when He said, 'John baptized w/ water, but you'll be baptized w/ the Holy Spirit.' (and w/ fire)

Acts 13:52 And the believers were filled w/ joy & w/ the Holy Spirit.

Acts 15:7 ...Peter stood & addressed them as follows: “Brothers, you all know that God chose me from among you some time ago to preach to the Gentiles so that they could hear the Good News and believe. 8 God knows people’s hearts, and He confirmed that He accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us.

We must pay attention to the Holy Spirit in us...

Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no greater burden on you than these few requirements...

Acts 16:4 They went from town to town, instructing the believers to follow the decisions made by the apostles & elders in Jerusalem. 5 So the *churches were strengthened in their faith & grew larger every day.*

Acts 16:6 Paul & Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia & Galatia, because *the Holy Spirit* had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. 7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the *Spirit of Jesus* did not allow them to go there. 8 So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas.

God guides us w/ the Holy Spirit dwelling in our bodies

Acts 19:1 ...Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. 2 “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 “Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.” 4 Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who

would come later, meaning Jesus.” 5 As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, & they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.

When we walk w/ the Holy Spirit, we have His power in our lives.

Romans 8:11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

We now have the Spirit of God living in us.

Romans 15:13 MSG May the God of new hope fill you up w/ joy, fill you up w/ peace, so that your believing lives, filled w/ the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over w/ hope!

Releasing the Power Within

We have the Holy Spirit, we should have His power in our lives. Let Him out, let Him flow, stir up His power in our lives, in our families, in all of our relationships, at our work, and in our church!