

THE UNFORGETTABLE FIRE Par 2 – 1-14-18

*Who is the Holy Spirit? Why; What; How; Where is the Holy Spirit?
The Holy Spirit was sent here to assist us in living the Christian 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 w/ you now & later will be in you.

John 15:26 I'll send you the Advocate/Comforter/Encourager -the Spirit of Truth. He'll come to you from the Father & will testify all about Me.

John 16:7 But in fact, 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 away, then I will send Him to you. **8** And when He comes, He'll convict the world of its sin, of God's righteousness & of the coming judgment...

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, He'll guide you into all truth. He'll not speak on His own but will tell you what He's heard. He'll tell you about the future. **14** He will bring Me glory by telling you whatever He receives from me.

The Holy Spirit is our:

Comforter—one called alongside.

Counselor—one who gives advice and ideas.

Helper—one who assists in making life easier.

Advocate—one who pleads another's case; like a lawyer.

Intercessor—one who goes between/mediates/makes requests.

Strengthened—one who increases the strength or ability of another.

Standby—one who is ready to serve and can always be counted on.

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.

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

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. **39** This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away- all who have been called by the Lord our God.” **40** Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!” **41** Those who believed what Peter said were baptized & added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. **42** All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching; fellowship, sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), & prayer. **43** A deep sense of awe came over them all, & the apostles performed many miraculous signs & wonders.

47 all the while praising God & enjoying the goodwill of all the people. & the Lord added to the church daily, those who were being saved.

*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 about the Kingdom of God & the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men & women were baptized. 13 Then 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.

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

Romans 15:13 AMP May the God of your hope so fill you w/ all joy & peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound & be overflowing (bubbling over) w/ hope.

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

The inextinguishable, unquenchable fire of the Holy Spirit.
Fire is a marvelous picture of the work of the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

4 Ways the Spirit is like a Fire.

He brings: God's **presence**, God's **passion**, God's **purity**, & God's **power**

1. The Holy Spirit is the **presence of God dwelling w/in our hearts.**

Romans 8:9 But you're not controlled by your sinful nature. You're controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.

We must "allow" the Holy Spirit to work in and through us.

2 Corinthians 6:16 What union can there be between God's temple & idols? For *we are the temple* of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them & walk among them. I'll be their God, & they'll be my people.

God guides and comforts us w/ the Holy Spirit dwelling in our bodies—the "tabernacle" and the "temple of the living God"

2. The Holy Spirit creates the **passion of God in our hearts.**

Luke 24:32 They said to each other, "Didn't our *hearts burn* within us as He talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

After the disciples talk with the resurrected Jesus, they describe their hearts as "burning within us"

Acts 4:31 NKJV When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, & they spoke the word of God with *boldness*.

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

3. The Holy Spirit produces the **purity of God in our lives.**

Titus 2:14 He gave His life to *free us from every kind of sin*, cleanse us, & make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds

God's purpose is to purify us, and the Spirit is the agent of our sanctification. His fire cleanses and refines.

1 Corinthians 6:11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were *made holy*; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Thessalonians 2:13b ...We're always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the *Spirit who makes you holy*...

1 Peter 1:2 God the Father knew you & chose you long ago, & *His Spirit has made you holy*. As a result, you've obeyed Him & have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more & more grace & peace.

4. The Holy Spirit releases the *power* of God in our lives.

Luke 24:49 “Now I'll send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with *power from heaven*.”

Acts 1:8 You will receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my *witnesses, telling people about me everywhere*...”

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

Acts 10:38 You know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth 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.

II Timothy 3:5 “...having a form of godliness but denying its *power*.”

II Timothy 1:7 “...spirit of *Power*, love, sound mind”

Matthew 22:29 “...you’re mistaken, not knowing the Word nor the power of God.”

Releasing the Power Within

If we have the Holy Spirit, we should have His power in our lives. Most of us are saved, but have no or very little manifestation of His power. 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!