

Outpouring of Power

Text: Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Introduction: The commandment to be water baptized and Holy Spirit baptized and is clear on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:37 NKJV Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

• This experience was prophesied many years before and is for us today! We will experience God's Holy Spirit and Fire!!!!

Matthew 3:11 NASB As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- 1. The pattern of power
- What does the Baptism in the Holy Spirit like? We don't have to guess, God's Word reveals. The Outpouring on the Day of Pentecost, The Church was born!

120 after one week of intense prayer together they had unity and sought God with one heart in Acts 1!

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. – all men heard God speak of His wonderful works in their native dialect - ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

• Later the Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. ⁴⁵
And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

- The evidence was speaking in tongues
- What was the power for? Jesus said you shall be my witnesses!

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- 2. The promise is for YOU! Review Holy Spirit in World + us John 16:7-15, John 1:12-13, John 3:3-8, 16-18
- A. EVERYONE THAT ASKS RECEIVES:

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

B. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RECEIVE

• IT IS A RIVER OF POWER

- John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 - IT IS A HEAVENLY LANGUAGE: THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LANGUAGE IS NOT INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE! HE SPEAKS AND PRAYS THE WILL OF GOD FROM HEAVEN IN UNINTELLIGIBLE LANGUAGE THROUGH YOU!
- 1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. --- He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.
- **Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the **Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.** 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
 - Praying with the Holy Spirit is an act of your will!
- 1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Saul's Experience = YOUR EXPERIENCE!

Acts 26:12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, ¹³ at midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. ¹⁴ And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. ¹⁵ And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. ¹⁶ But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; ¹⁷ delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

DAILY PRAY WITH THE SPIRIT - KEEP YOURSELF FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;