

## **“THE POWER OF PENTECOST!”**

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**John 14:16-17** (CEV)—“Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true...and will keep on living in you.”

**Acts 1:4-5, 8**—“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, He gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Acts 2:1-4**—“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them...”

### **Belief/Doctrine:**

*“Baptism in the Holy Spirit is obtained by an act of faith on the part of the believer (initial evidence of speaking in tongues), and the fruit of this experience is clearly described in Galatians 5:22-23. In Acts 1:8 the Word of God declares the primary purpose of this experience—the empowerment of the believer to be an effective witness (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5; 2:14; 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:6).”*

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### **I Need To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit Because...**

#### **1) God Wants Me To Be Filled**

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## 2) The Holy Spirit Empowers Me

**John 15:5**—“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

**Philippians 4:13** (LB)—“For I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.”

**Ephesians 3:16**—“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being.”

### Holy Spirit Gives Me The Power To...

#### – Influence People’s Lives

**Acts 1:8**—“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

#### – Resist Temptation

**I Corinthians 10:13** (LB)—“But remember this—the wrong desires that come into your life aren’t anything new and different. Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can’t stand up against it, for He has promised this and will do what He says. He will show you how to escape temptation’s power so that you can bear up patiently against it.”

#### – Endure Trials

**Psalms 118:13-14** (CEV)—“Their attacks were so fierce that I nearly fell, but the Lord helped me. My power and my strength come from the Lord, and He has saved me.”

**Romans 8:5, 8** (NLT)—“Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit... That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.”

**Galatians 5:16**—“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

**Galatians 5:25**—“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

**Galatians 5:19-23** (NLT)—“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these... Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...”

**John 7:37-39** (NKJV)—“...‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...”

**How Will You Respond?**