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# PENTECOST THE HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT!

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# THE LAST DAYS

The prophecy in **Joel** of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit quoted by Peter on the Day of Pentecost is clear, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh" Acts 2:17. People often wonder about the signs of the last days and what to expect. Here is one of the clearest verses about the last days. We can expect that God will pour out of His Spirit on all flesh in the last days. We are in a most glorious season of human history that began close to two thousand years ago! We are in the time of God pouring out His Spirit into human beings, to live inside of them, empower them, and cause them to "prophesy" Acts 2:17b.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR EVERYBODY

Joel prophesied of a time when the Holy Spirit would come on "all flesh" Acts 2:17. No one needs to miss out.

- <u>Gender is not an issue</u>: "*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy*" Acts 2:17b. Male and female can *prophesy!* This is a big revelation for the whole church all over the world! If women can prophesy that means they can speak the Word of God. They can minister in the power of the Holy Spirit!
- <u>Age is not an issue</u>: "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams" Acts 2:17c. It does not matter your age young men and old men can all experience the Holy Spirit and hear God speaking in dreams and visions! Elders in the church and all the flock under them can receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Expect supernatural encounters with God by His Spirit! There is no discrimination based on age!
- <u>Social status is not an issue</u>: "And on My menservants and My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days" Acts 2:18. Servants, the lower class, are included in this outpouring. Sons and daughters, the more privileged, are included in this outpouring!

The Holy Spirit is for everybody! No matter who you are, you are a candidate to receive the awesome blessing of Pentecost! No one need miss out!

#### WE NEED POWER

When Jesus commissioned the twelve that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His [the Christ's – Jesus] name to all nations..." (Luke 24:47), He then told them, "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high" Luke 24:49. In order to fulfil the mission that Jesus has given us, we need power! We need the Promise of the Father! We need to be endued with power from high!

### **CLOTHED WITH POWER**

The word *endued* means: to sink into clothing; to invest with clothing. So, to be *endued* with the power is to sink into the *power* as you do into a garment. Put on and be clothed with *power!* This is similar to having a mantle cover you. This is our covering! It is a covering of *power!* The word *power* is the Greek word *dunamis* which means: force, specifically miraculous power, a miracle, energy, strength. It is where we get the English word *dynamite* from, which is explosive power! To complete the task of reaching all nations with the message of the gospel of Christ we need to be clothed with power!

## **POWER TO WITNESS**

Jesus told us we would "receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me" Acts 1:8. The power of the Holy Spirit enables us to witness to Jesus. "And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" Acts 4:33. Miraculous and supernatural power from God is released to those who receive the Holy Spirit! This emboldens our witness and people see that Jesus is real and that He is alive!

He does miracles through us. He heals through us! He delivers people from demons through us! It is His power! We witness to Jesus by a "demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" 1 Corinthians 2:4-5.

# **RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Encourage the saints everywhere to receive the Holy Spirit. Meet God at Pentecost. There are many descriptions in the book of Acts how this happens:

- Be "<u>baptised with</u> the Holy Spirit" Acts 1:5. The word baptised means: overwhelmed, fully wet and submerged. In the same way we are baptised in water by going fully under the water in Jesus' name, so it is to be with the Spirit. We are immersed in the Holy Spirit!
- You *"will <u>receive power</u> when the Holy Spirit comes upon you"* Acts 1:8. We receive dynamic miraculous power when the Holy Spirit comes into our life!
- Be "<u>filled with</u> the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:4. Like an empty cup is filled with water we are to be filled in our life with the Holy Spirit. What a marvellous reality! Come and fill us Holy Spirit!
- "And you will <u>receive the gift</u> of the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:38. The Holy Spirit is a gift granted to those who "repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" Acts

**2:38.** What a gift! What should we do with such a gift? *Receive the gift!* You cannot earn it! Simply receive!

- "Then they <u>laid hands on them</u>, and they <u>received the Holy Spirit</u>" Acts 8:17. One important way we receive the Holy Spirit is through the *laying on of hands!* Have hands laid on you to receive the Holy Spirit! Believing and being baptised does not mean that you have received the experience of Pentecost. Many believers have been told they already have something that they have never experienced. The believers in Samaria had been "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" Acts 8:16. But the Holy Spirit "had fallen upon none of them" Acts 8:16. You can be "saved" but not have received the Holy Spirit in this manner. Pursue the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Have hands laid on you! Receive the Holy Spirit!
- "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit <u>fell upon all those who</u> <u>heard the word</u>" Acts 10:44. The word *fell* means: *embraced (with affection) or seized*. The Holy Spirit will embrace and seize us powerfully when we are receiving the Word by faith! Allow the Holy Spirit to *fall upon you!*
- "The gift of the Holy Spirit <u>had been poured out</u>" Acts 10:45. The Holy Spirit is poured out on us! Like a jug of water being poured out, so we are to experience the Holy Spirit being poured out into our hearts!
- "And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit <u>came upon them</u>, and they <u>spoke with tongues and prophesied</u>" Acts 19:6. We are to experience the Holy Spirit coming upon us! The result of this was they spoke with tongues and prophesied! It is a real experience that is tangible, evident and seen as people begin to speak "in new tongues" (Mark 16:17) by the Spirit, and prophesy, speaking the words of God by the Spirit!

# **MEET GOD AT PENTECOST**

God wants to meet us at the Feast of Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost is not a particular time on the calendar for us anymore. It has been fulfilled! "When the day of Pentecost had <u>fully come</u>" Acts 2:1. Pentecost is the experience of the Holy Spirit and power! It brings us into a new dimension of God. Spiritual things become very real to us. The supernatural realm of God, the kingdom of God, becomes felt and known when we have received the Holy Spirit! Seek God for the outpouring! We need to be clothed with power in these days. Do not miss out on such a marvellous blessing! May you be "filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gives you utterance" Acts 2:4!