

PENTECOST: THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT

At The Crossroads – Part 4

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Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV) *“This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’ ”*

Acts 1:4b-5, 8, 14 (NIV) *“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”⁸ 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.¹⁴ They (The Eleven Apostles) all joined together constantly in prayer along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”*

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The Spirit is PRESENT in the Old Testament.

Genesis 1:2 (NIV) *“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”*

Exodus 35:30-31 (NIV) *“Then Moses said to the Israelites, ‘See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri...³¹ and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts.”*

2. The Spirit Is PROMISED to Jesus’ followers.

John 14:16-17a, 26 (NIV) *“And I (Jesus) will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--¹⁷ the Spirit of truth...²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

John 16:7 (NIV) *“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”*

3. The Spirit POWERS UP God’s Church.

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV) *“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.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”*

Acts 2:5-8 (NIV) *“Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?’⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?’ ”*

4. The Spirits PURPOSE is seen on Pentecost.

Acts 2:14 (NIV) *“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you.’ ”*

Acts 2:37-38 (NIV) *“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’³⁸ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ ”*

5. The Spirit PROPELS the Church outward & inward.

Acts 2:41 (NIV) *“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control.”*

Your Crossroad Decision:

Will you rely on and follow the counsel of the Holy Spirit?