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## TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT PART 1

I want to talk to you today about the Holy Spirit and more good news. Jesus said it was more good news that the gospel was being preached to the poor. We will focus on receiving the Holy Spirit and being spirit-filled.

When you receive Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in you. The Bible says in John 20:22 . . . *Then he breathed on them and told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared for the first time to his disciples. He then breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." That is conversion.

It was around 40 days later the Holy Spirit *CAME ON* them to bring them power.

I know many of you don't really understand exactly what I'm talking about. Maybe you are interested in being Spirit-filled or maybe you are spirit-filled and need more insight. This is one of the reasons why I am writing this - to help you understand.

Another reason I am doing this is in regard to a dream I had the other night. In this dream, I was at a church or gathering of some sort. A couple of ladies came and sat down at a table, then more came and sat down. The next thing I knew, the place was filled, and someone needed to go in there and teach. In the dream, I knew I was supposed to teach them, but I had nothing prepared. So I stepped into the room, into that area, and all of a sudden it came to me to preach and teach on the Holy Spirit. Immediately these two scriptures came to mind - John 16:7 and John 16:13.

In my dream, I started with John 16:7. . (TLB). *But the fact of the matter is that it is best for you that I go away, for if I don't, the Comforter won't come. If I do, he will—for I will send him to you.*

The Amplified Bible helps to make it more clear . . . *But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you to be in close fellowship with you.*

He was saying, "It's for your good, guys, that I am going away. I am the way, the truth, and the life. I am going away, but I am going to send somebody back just like me, who is going to be with you always, even to the end of the world. He is never going to leave you or forsake you guys. Something good is coming."

He was referring to the Promise of the Father, the coming of the Holy Spirit. John recorded Jesus talking about this in John 16:13 (AMP). . . *But when He, the*

*Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears and He will disclose to you what is to come.*

So the Father speaks to the Son and the Son speaks to the Holy Spirit. (The Holy Spirit is Jesus and God on the earth.) AND THEN, the Holy Spirit begins to speak to you in your spirit.

It all began in Acts 1:4, 5 while Jesus was talking to his disciples. Scripture says . . .(AMP). . *While being together and eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Of which you have heard Me speak. John baptized you with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit in just a few days."*

The next scripture is a promise of what will happen when a person is baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 . . .(TLB). . *But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power to testify about Me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, about my death and resurrection."*

The Lord says "You will receive power (watch this now) *when the Holy Spirit COMES ON* you, and you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth.

Then, Jesus ascends to heaven, and the disciples go back to where he told them to go (Jerusalem). They went into an upper room and joined together in prayer. There were about 120 attending, men and women, and the prayer meeting went on for several days.

Jesus has made a promise. The Promise of the Father is coming. So they all get together and continue to pray - expecting something incredible.

Are you expecting something? Expecting something good? Expecting the Lord to show up? Expecting to be spirit-filled? Expecting things to change?

Did you know our expectation comes from the Lord?

Psalm 62:5...(NKJV)...says. . .*My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him.*

Be expecting that God will do for you exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask, imagine, or think.

The Day of Pentecost arrives, and the believers have been together praying for ten days. Acts 2 verses 1-4 we find . . .(NIV). . *All of a sudden, suddenly there is a sound like the blowing of a violent wind that begins to come from heaven and fills the house, And all of a sudden, what seems to be cloven tongues of fire separates and land on their head as the Holy Spirit begins to COME UPON them and they all*

*were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the utterance.*

Notice - not just a few were filled, not just Peter and James and John and the preachers were filled, but they ALL were filled.

People came running to the sound, saying, "What's going on? What's up?" Peter and James and ALL of the hundred and twenty were filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

I want you to know that alcohol and drugs are a counterfeit of the glory of God. When you are touched by the power of the Holy Spirit, when Jesus *pours the Spirit on you*, you start to understand the term 'awesome.'

Observers said, "These people are drunk!" Acts 2:13

But Peter stood up and said, . . . (NKJV). . . "These people are not drunk as you suppose, . . . but this was prophesied by Joel (Joel 2:28-29). *'In the last days, the Lord says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, young men will see visions. Even on my menservants and maidservants,' the Lord said, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all my people.'*"

Right now believe you receive. Ask the Lord Jesus, "Is this for me?" It sure is because after Peter preached the people said, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37-39 NKJV). Peter said, "*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.*"

Verse 39 says, "The Promise is for you." So my friend, let go of tradition. Let go of any teaching that tells you you can't have all of God that you need. There's more of God than you could ever receive. Jesus had the Spirit without measure and he wants to *pour the Spirit on you*. It is life-changing. Powerful. So right now I want to pray for you.

Lord, I pray for those who are reading this, that you will fill every hungry heart. For Lord, I know the Promise is for them. I pray you will pour out your Spirit upon them, and revolutionize their life. Change their life just like you did those in the beginning and I thank you for it, Lord.

Now guys, receive the Holy Spirit. Amen. God bless you. I bless you, I love you, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. God bless.

## THE TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT PART 2

I am excited about this series on the Holy Spirit and I just believe that God's going to move powerfully in your life - teaching you, encouraging you, lifting you up so that the Holy Spirit will move upon you in power, and that your natural will become supernatural.

Think about Peter, and James, and John, and all the guys. They were unschooled, ordinary men, but people took note they had been with Jesus because the presence of the Lord was so powerful in their life.

John 16:7. .(TLB). . .Jesus said, "*But the fact of the matter is that it is best for you that I go away, for if I don't, the Comforter won't come. If I do, he will—for I will send him to you.*"

In John 16:13. . . (NIV) he said, "*But when He, the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on his own, but will speak only what he hears and will tell you, (yes you) what is yet to come.*"

So the Holy Spirit, as we learned, comes into us at salvation, because Jesus said in John (14:18 - 20) that the Lord when He comes, would not leave them as orphans, wouldn't leave them helpless, that the Holy Spirit would be "in" them.

The Lord didn't come to leave you by yourself. When you receive Him into your heart, He comes to live in you, be with you, to make His home and abode with you. You are not alone. He'll never leave you, or forsake you - to the end of the age, to the end of the world, He will be with you.

He was there at the beginning. In Genesis 1:1-2 .(TLB). . . *When God began creating the heavens and the earth, the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.*

This is what happens when the Holy Spirit comes into your life. When you receive Christ. He wants to be your best friend. Not only that, he testifies of Jesus; he tells you what is yet to come.

Jesus said, "*The Holy Spirit when He comes, will convict the world of sin and of righteousness, and of judgment.*" (John 16:8 AMP)

The Holy Spirit comes, he lives within you. You become the temple of the Holy Spirit. God doesn't dwell in a temple made by hands anymore, he dwells in his people. So the Holy Spirit comes to convict, to convince, to reprove. He judges, speaks the truth and leads you into truth. He comforts you, counsels you, and intercedes for you - the Holy Spirit intercedes *in* you according to the will of the Lord. So it's powerful how the Holy Spirit teaches you about Christ, he leads you into all truth and radically revolutionizes your life.

We learned last time about Acts 1:8 . . . (AMP). . . *But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.*

We know from Acts 2:4 . . . (NIV). . . *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Then from verse 14. Peter stood up with the eleven and began to preach and from verse 41 we find out that 3,000 people were added to the church that day! The gospel began to spread and the kingdom began to be built.

What I want you to see is this: Jesus had said in Luke 24:49 . . . (AMP). . . *"Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you, but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high."* So they went and waited and they were all filled. As a matter of fact, I want you to know Jesus was filled.

John the Baptist said in Luke 3:16 . . . (NIV). . . *"But one who is more powerful than I, will come, the straps of whose sandals I'm not even worthy to untie, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

When the Holy Spirit *comes upon* us, He begins to clean us out. He convicts, he convinces, he reproves. He leads us into all truth and he comforts us. He counsels us and guides us, he directs us. He is our best friend and glorifies Jesus in our life.

John is saying, *"Hey, when he comes, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire and his winnowing fork will be in his hand."* (Matt 3:11-12 NIV) The Lord will clean you up when the power of the Holy Spirit comes into your life. My friends, he'll clean you out, begin to flood you with his presence, and fill you to overflowing. And it is subsequent to salvation, for He comes in us at salvation and then *COMES UPON* us for power.

After John says this, Jesus comes to him. Matt 3:13-15. . . (AMP). . . *Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan River, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him saying, "It is I who need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus replied to him, "Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John permitted it and baptized Him.*

At this point, John Baptizes Jesus, and when he comes up out of the water, verses 16 and 17 tell us that the heavens open and the Holy Spirit comes down and alights or *COMES UPON* Jesus. Not until then does Jesus start His 3 ½ year ministry of signs and healings and wonders and miracles. The Holy Spirit *CAME UPON* Jesus then, and the Holy Spirit *CAME UPON* the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.



Do you see this and what happens? Jesus said in Mark 16:17. *.(AMP). . These signs would accompany or follow those who believe. In my name, they would cast out demons.*

You have all power over the enemy, my friends. Nothing by any means shall harm you. You have authority. Don't let the devil rip you off any longer. Put your foot down, and say, "In the name of Jesus, I drive you out of my life. I drive you out of my family, I drive you out of my business, I drive you out of my church, I drive you out of my children, I drive you out the devil in the name of Jesus for I have authority."

Jesus told us in Mark 16:17-18. *.(AMP). . These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name, they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."*

Mark 16:20 says. *.(AMP). . And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord was working with them and confirming the word by the signs that followed.* In other words, the confirmation of the gospel was with power as people were healed, saved, set free, and delivered.

Peter was filled with the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Then in Acts 3, he goes to the temple gate called Beautiful. He and John see a crippled man asking for money. They are unschooled ordinary men but they had received the power of the Holy Spirit. They speak to this guy, Peter and John look at him, then Peter reaches down and helps the man up. His ankles and feet became strong and he began walking and leaping and praising God. The man was set free of being a cripple as the power of God was released through Peter and John.

You would think everybody would be happy. But the religious leaders in Acts chapter 4 said, "*By what power are you doing this?*" Peter begins to respond in Acts 4:8 (remember he was filled with the Spirit in Acts 2 and in Acts 4:8-12 we learn. *.(NIV). . "The Spirit came upon him (Peter) and he said, "Brethren if we're brought to account today for a good deed done to a cripple, let it be known today... that it was by the name of Jesus that this man stands here healed...For there's no other name given under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

Acts 4:13-14. *.(NIV). . When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*

When you are with Jesus, you can have all of Jesus that you want. Don't forget He made the promise. He said, "*Don't you leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my*

*Father promised which you heard me speak about. . .For you will receive power when the Holy Spirit COMES UPON you.*

They were just ordinary people that became extraordinary by the baptism and infilling of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants you to receive as well. As a matter of fact, Peter and John go back to the church. It says they began to pray in Acts 4:29-31. In their prayer, they state again who God is, and remind God of the threats of the religious leaders. Then verse 31 says. . (NIV). *.After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

The Holy Spirit is powerful, He is God on the earth. He is God in your life, and His presence is near to all who call upon him in truth. . The Lord gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey him, and those who receive and believe him. The promise is for you. Don't live another day on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a tank. Be excited and say, "Lord I want more of the Holy Spirit. Fill me to overflowing. I don't care what my preacher says, I don't care what my momma says, I don't care what the old teachers used to tell me. I see that you came to me at salvation, and you *CAME ON* Jesus, you *CAME ON* the disciples, You came on them in Acts 4."

By the time this series is over, I am believing that you are going to be filled with the Holy Spirit. For the Lord says, "Rivers of living water, shall flow from your life."

So lift your hands right now and say, "Lord, I believe, and I receive the power of the Holy Spirit."

My friends, lift your hands right now, and receive the power, receive His glory, receive His word, receive Jesus right now. Because He is the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and fire.

Receive it now. And go out and be a light to this dark world. Be blessed. Receive now. Be like the unschooled ordinary men who went out and were extraordinary. Not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord!

### THE TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT PART 3

Let's start with Isaiah 61. (NIV). . *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

Isaiah is telling us what the Spirit of the Lord will do. He says The Spirit of the Lord is upon us for the Lord has anointed us to preach good news to the poor, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to open prison doors to those who are bound, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, to send them forth as delivered! This is the year, this is the day that the free favors of God are profusely abounding to the people of God!

So the Holy Spirit was UPON the Lord and the Holy Spirit is UPON us.

I want to go through the word of God to instruct you, to teach and equip you, to train you and hopefully get you so filled up that you'll never look back again, and then YOU will go and do mighty works just like they did in the beginning.

We know from Genesis 1:1-2. (AMP). .*In the beginning, God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.* The Holy Spirit brooded over the deep, over the chaos, and brought order. God brought creation into existence.

Then in Judges 6:34. (AMP). .*So the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon and empowered him. and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together as a militia to follow him.*

The Bible says the Holy Spirit came upon Gideon - or clothed him - and he was clothed with power from on high and went out and brought a great victory for the people of God.

Jesus said In Luke 24:49. (AMP). . "Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father, the Holy Spirit, UPON YOU; but you are to remain in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high."

We see that before He ascended to Heaven Jesus said this: "and behold I am sending forth the Promise of my Father UPON YOU. You are to stay in the city until you are *clothed* with power from on high.

The Holy Spirit comes in us at salvation for Jesus said in John 14:17. .(NKJV) . .  
*The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*  
The Lord said I am going to send the Spirit of Truth, who the world cannot receive because it does not know Him, or behold Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.  
When we receive Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us.

What we are talking about is the Holy Spirit COMING UPON us with great power, for service, and to revolutionize our lives because Jesus said in Acts 1:8. . (NIV). .  
*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit COMES UPON you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

That word for power is *dunamis*. It means 'power, authority, ability'. It means 'efficiency,' it also means 'might.'

All of a sudden the Holy Spirit moves on you in a powerful way. God took these fishermen from Galilee, and by the power of the Holy Spirit COMING UPON them, they went out and changed their world, and changed the world and turned it upside down.

So here's what happened. The disciples are in Jerusalem. Waiting and praying. Waiting for the gift of the Promise of God. (Acts 1:4,8)

Acts 2:1-4 tells what happened next. It was the Day of Pentecost and the believers were waiting in the upper room. The Holy Spirit shows up! There was a sound as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting; cloven tongues of fire came to rest upon them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Notice they were ALL filled... not just the preacher, not just the teacher, not just gramma, not just the worship leader, but they were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in another language as the Spirit enabled them, as a sign of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. This is how this gospel began to spread.

Then a persecution breaks out starting in Acts 3 and some of the people go to different parts of the country, taking the good news with them.

Go to Acts chapter 7 and 8 and we read that the gospel is spreading and the Kingdom is being built. Steven is about to be stoned when he sees heaven open and the Lord standing at the right hand of God. Then, while he was being stoned and right before he died, he said, "Father forgive them because they don't know what they are doing." Then the Lord received his spirit.

Acts chapter 9 tells us about a man named Saul who is breathing out murderous threats against the church. He is causing trouble and bringing fear to the hearts of Christians everywhere.

There is persecution today in the middle east and around the world - even here in America, The people don't know what they are doing. But the Lord came to give life and life more abundantly!

Remember what Is 54:17a says. (NKJV). . *No weapon formed against you shall prosper.*

We read that persecution breaks out in Acts 8. The people disperse in the land, but the apostles stay in Jerusalem.

Acts 8:4. . (NIV). . *Those who were scattered went out and were preaching the Word wherever they went.*

Remember in Lesson 2 we learned from Mark 16:20. (NIV). . *And the disciples went everywhere preaching, and the Lord was with them and confirmed what they said by the miracles that followed their messages.*

The Living Bible says . . . *the Lord confirmed the word they were preaching, and the Lord was with them and confirmed what they said by the miracles that followed their messages.*

We need miracles. A miracle is okay - maybe so, maybe not - until you need one. A deliverance by God doing amazing things? I know, we read about it. I know it's for other people, but it's that way until you need one and when you need one, my friend, you will call on the name of the Lord and pray for a supernatural encounter.

When the Holy Spirit COMES UPON You, it's a super godfest! It is God's super on your natural! You may be an ordinary unskilled person but you can do mighty things through the Lord.

Zech 4:6 ..(TLB) . . *Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty—you will succeed because of my Spirit, though you are few and weak.*

Now back to Philip who is preaching in Samaria starting in Acts 8:5. He goes there and there is great joy in the city. Multitudes are giving heed to what he is saying. People are getting delivered; many people with unclean spirits are getting set free. Paralyzed people are being healed. The lame are being healed and the gospel is being preached.

The disciples and the apostles hear about this and it says in Acts 8:14 . . (TLB).  
*.When the apostles back in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent down Peter and John.*

The people had received Jesus, but that is all. Then Peter and John went down there and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit for he had not yet FALLEN UPON any of them. They had simply been baptized in the name of Jesus.

Acts 8: 15-16. .(TLB). . *As soon as they arrived (Peter and John), they began praying for these new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come upon any of them. For they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

So in Samaria, The Holy Spirit, through Phillip's preaching, drew the people to Christ and they were saved and born again. They became the Temple of the Living God but here was a separate encounter, an empowerment that they needed. Then the church sent Peter and John to Samaria so that those people might receive the Holy Spirit. They go down there and when they get to Samaria, Acts 8:17 says.  
*.(TLB). .Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Simon the sorcerer was there and when he saw the Spirit was given with the laying on of hands, he wanted to buy this same power. But the apostles rebuked him in the name of the Lord.

The Samaritans were born again, and great things were happening, but they needed power. They needed the glory of God greater in their life. It is like Jesus said on the last great day of the feast, (Feast of Tabernacles see John 7:2) John 7:37. .(TLB). *.On the last day, the climax of the holidays, Jesus shouted to the crowds, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."*

To put this all together, from Acts 2:39. .(Amp). . *For the promise of the Holy Spirit is for you and your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself."*

Acts 2:38 says. .(NIV). . 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.*

And from Acts 3:19. .(NIV). *.Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord*  
Because Jesus promised in John 7:38. .(NIV). *.Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*

That's what the Samaritans needed in Acts chapter 8. They were saved and born again and on the way to heaven, but they needed another greater encounter with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. When Peter and John began to lay hands upon them the Holy Spirit touched them, and the power of the Holy Spirit overshadowed them. The sorcerer saw something. What did he see?

He saw the same thing they saw in Acts 2 at Pentecost when everybody came running to the sound. They said, "These people are drunk!" And Peter said, "*They are not drunk as you suppose. They are filled with the Holy Spirit.*"

They were praying in other languages; some of them may have fallen onto the floor, some of them were probably laughing because the Bible says there was great joy in the city.

So I am telling you to seek Jesus. He is the Baptizer. John the Baptist said in Matt 3:11..(NIV). *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

I'm praying right now that the Holy Spirit COME UPON you. I pray you'll get so thirsty you'll seek Jesus until you're so overflowing with the Holy Spirit that your life will be absolutely transformed even more because we need His presence, we need His Spirit. We need more of the Holy Spirit.

So the promise is for you. Receive Him now. Receive the Holy Spirit. He's God on the earth. He is the Spirit of Jesus Christ. And the Spirit of the Lord will COME UPON you in great power and great glory because it is God's will that you be filled with the Holy Spirit. Not drunk with wine but filled continually with his Spirit!

Be blessed. Lift your hands right now, Lord I pray for my friends. I pray you will inspire them and encourage them. Holy Spirit I pray that you will be released upon them. Pour out your Spirit upon them now just like you did on those in the beginning. Fill them up Lord and may they never be the same. Receive now. Receive Him now.

The Samaritans were receiving the Holy Spirit. That means they did not receive him just once, they just kept on receiving. So keep receiving all the days of your life. Be blessed and be filled.

## THE TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT PART 4

We have been diving in - not necessarily to the doctrine - but to the very Acts of the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:1 - 2 talks about how the Holy Spirit breathed and hovered and brooded over the chaos, over the deep place, and the Lord created the earth and everything in it.

Then in Judges 6:34a . . . *(AMP) So the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon. Gideon became clothed with the Holy Spirit and when he went out, he wrought a great victory for the nation of Israel.*

Jesus had promised the disciples and apostles and his followers that the gift of the Promise of the Father would come. He said in Acts 1:4,5, and 8 to go to Jerusalem and tarry or wait until they would receive the Promise of the Father - the power of the Holy Spirit. We know that ten days later it descended on the guys on the day of Pentecost and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit who revolutionized and changed their life and the world as we know it.

In Acts 4:8 the Holy Spirit came on Peter, and again in verse 31, *the Holy Spirit fell as they prayed. The Lord shook the place and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and went out and spoke the word of God with boldness while the Lord stretched forth his hand with signs and healings, wonders and miracles following.*

This was evidence of the truths Jesus spoke in Mark 16 . . . *These signs will follow those who believe.*

Not that we preach the signs necessarily, but as we go out and minister the gospel, the Lord confirms the word with the signs following - the Acts of the Holy Spirit (that is what the Book of Acts is called in many realms, genres, and different Bibles.) So he was present in creation, he came upon prophets, priests, and kings in the Old Testament to bring great victories, and he was very much present during the preparation and creation of the New Testament Church. In fact, he never left and is continually hovering and brooding over the church today - creating and transforming.

In the New Covenant, through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, when we receive the Lord, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us because in John 14 Jesus says. . . . *the Holy Spirit will be with you and will be in you.*

We know He is with us forever to the very end of the age and end of the world. I am telling you the Lord will never leave you or forsake you. You are not alone.

John 14:16-17 . . . *(AMP) And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.*



We talked last time about when Philip went out preaching. The Samaritans heard and received the word of God. The new believers had been saved and baptized into the name of Jesus. Now when the disciples heard that Samaria had accepted the Word, Peter and John went to them. They realized the new believers had only received Jesus as Savior; that the Holy Spirit had not come upon any of them. Peter and John began to lay hands upon the new believers and the people began receiving the Holy Spirit - as He came on them. Say, "COME ON ME, LORD!"

Let's go to Acts 9 - to Saul's conversion.

Acts 9 tells us that Saul is breathing out murderous threats. He is on his way to Damascus to put many Christian men and women into prison. All of a sudden, the Holy Ghost, and the power of God and the light of God, shows up, knocks Saul off his High Horse and he falls to the ground. The Lord said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul goes, "Who are you, Lord?" (Remember he called him Lord.)

He said, "I am Jesus who you are persecuting. It is not good to be kicking against the goads."

In other words, it is not good for Saul to be kicking against a brick wall, or knocking his head up against a brick wall. "You have to listen because I have something for you to do. Go into the city and you will be told what you must do."

The men with Paul were speechless. They heard the sound but didn't see anything. But Saul, when he got up, is blind. He can't see anything. Saul went into the city. For three days he does not eat anything. He is fasting, seeking God, and he is praying. He sees in a vision a man named Annanias coming to him and placing his hands on him.

Around the same time, the Lord speaks to Annanias in a vision, and says, "Go to the house of Judas." He gives a direct word. Annanias is in the spirit. The Lord says specifically, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street, ask for a man named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision, he has seen a man named Annanias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

Then Annanias says in effect, "Lord, wait a minute now. I've heard many reports about this guy. He's dragging men and women off and he's putting them in prison. He has authority from the chief priests to come and arrest everybody who calls on your name."

But the Lord says to Annanias, "Go."

The Lord will sometimes say, "Go". The Lord told Abraham to 'go', and it was through him all the nations of the world would be blessed.

The Lord said to Ananias, "Go. This is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and to the kings and to the people. I must show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Ananias went, and as he entered the house he placed his hands on Saul. (Now remember this is The Acts of the Holy Spirit and how Peter and John went to Samaria, laid their hands on the Samaritans, and they received the Holy Spirit.) Ananias, under the unction of the Holy Spirit (for Jesus had said, 'These signs will follow them that believe,') lays his hands on Saul, and he says, "Brother Saul, The Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road, has sent me that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Immediately something like scales fell off of Saul's eyes, He was filled with the Spirit. He could see again. He got up and was baptized. After taking some food, he regained strength. He spent several days in Damascus and immediately went out and began to preach in the synagogues. He once persecuted them, now he is going back to them and is saying, "Hey, Jesus is the Son of God. For I was on my high horse and the power of God hit me and knocked me off my high horse. I was blind, I could not see, but I saw the Lord as I was praying. This guy named Ananias came and laid hands upon me, scales fell off my eyes and I was filled with the Holy Spirit."

How do we know this is true? Because in I Corinthians 14:18 . . (NIV) . . Paul said, "*I thank my God I pray in other languages and tongues more than you all.*"

My friends, when we follow Jesus Christ and put our faith in him, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us and makes his home and abode with us. Then there is the endowment of power as God puts his super on our natural so we can go out and be and do all that God has called us to be. For Saul, it was to become Paul the greatest missionary of all time. He wrote 13 books, almost half of the New Testament.

What is the Lord calling you to do? What has he gifted you to do? What has he chosen you to do? If you will just say, "Fill me with the Holy Spirit and power," God will put His ability on you, and give you the grace and glory you need to go out and do mighty things for God.

The promise is for you and your children and all who are afar off. For as many as the Lord, our God shall call. And He is calling you today, Will you draw near with a sincere heart? Will you receive the power of the Holy Spirit?

My friends, scales will fall off your eyes. You'll see as you have never seen, hear like you have never heard, and move as you have never moved. You will do like you have never done, and receive what you have never received, as you walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Right now lift your Hands, I am going to pray.  
Lord just fall upon them. My friends Receive the Holy Spirit. And never look back  
again. In Jesus' name, Amen. God bless you.

## THE TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT PART 5

So far we've discussed the Holy Spirit on the day of creation. How he was hovering and brooding and moving over the water, bringing order out of chaos.

We also talked about Gideon being clothed by the Holy Spirit as he brought a great victory and delivered the people of God for the Midianites.

Then we learned about what Jesus was talking about when He said, "Don't leave Jerusalem but stay there until you receive the Promise of the Father which I have talked to you about."

We considered what John the Baptist said in Matthew 3:11 and 12. . . (NIV) *"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

When the Holy Spirit comes in power, He burns out all the dross, purifies our hearts, and fills us with the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the River Jordan (watch this now) and how the Holy Spirit *CAME UPON* or *alighted* on Jesus. Also, He *CAME UPON* them on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4) when they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other languages as the Spirit gave them the utterance.

Know that the Holy Spirit will move upon you and He will give you utterance. Look what God says in Isaiah 28:11 - 12 . . . (NKJV). *.For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people. To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," and "This is the refreshing", Yet they would not hear.*

So the Holy Spirit brings rest to the weary and he brings strength. We read in Is 40:30-31. .(NKJV). *. Even the youths shall be exhausted, and the young men will all give up. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

Jesus had said in Mark *"These signs will follow those who believe."* Peter was filled in Acts 4:8 when he was talking to the Sanhedron about raising the crippled man at the temple gate, called Beautiful (Acts 3:1-8.) Peter and John went out and believed and raised up the crippled man. He was healed and began to walk and leap and praise God.

At the end of Acts chapter 4, the Holy Spirit filled the place where they were praying and he shook the place. They were filled *again*. You see we need to be

filled over and over again. Then they went out and spoke the word of God boldly as the Lord worked with them with the signs following.

The disciples heard that the people in Samaria had received Jesus. Peter and John found out about it, went down there, and began to lay hands upon them and the new believers were receiving the Holy Spirit!

Remember, Jesus said in John 14, "We'll come to you, we'll make our home with you and we'll live in you."

So at salvation, the Lord comes and lives in us. Then, like in Acts 1:8, the Holy Spirit COMES UPON US to give us power to witness, to live a life worthy of His calling, and just do amazing things as God puts his super on our natural.

Now, let's go to Cornelius. We learn about him in Acts 10. He was a godly man. He gave to those in need. He was a righteous man, but he was an Old Testament man. Even though he was a good man he had not received Jesus. He was praying one day, and in Acts 10:4 he distinctly sees an angel of God who comes to him and says, "Cornelius."

The Message Bible says that *Cornelius stares hard at him and says, "What is it, Lord?"*

The angel replies, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering. Now send to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who was called Peter."

The Lord speaks, an angel shows up, speaks to Cornelius, and says, "You need to go get Peter because Peter had a message - the gospel - to share with you."

About noon the following day, Peter goes up on top of a roof, praying. He falls into a trance, and all of a sudden he sees a vision of a blanket coming down. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. (All animals the Jews were not permitted to eat.)

A voice says, "Rise up Peter, kill and eat."

Peter says, "No, no, no. I have never eaten anything impure or unclean"

It comes down a second time and then comes down a third time. The Lord tells him, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

This is the law of recurrence. You see the vision came once. It came again and then it came a third time. A lot of times that is how God leads us by the Spirit. We have these thoughts that come or these scriptures that come; we have these pictures that come into our minds. That is the Lord, using the law of recurrence to bring a thought back to us so we know we are on the right path. We have to ask

ourselves, "Does it glorify God? Does it serve him? Does it help other people? Does it go along with the scriptures?"

If it does, it is the Lord wanting us (He is leading us by the Spirit) to bless somebody, to give to somebody, to encourage somebody, to give somebody a word, to take a step of faith in our own life.

Peter was thinking about this vision then look at what happened. In Acts 10:19 . . . *While Peter was still thinking about the vision. The Spirit said to him, "Three men are looking for you. Get up and go downstairs, don't hesitate to go with them because I have sent them."* So off goes Peter with these guys, for the Holy Spirit spoke to him. In other words, as he was thinking about the visions, the Holy Spirit broke in and said, "These guys are looking for you, Go." Peter goes by faith, and he goes to Cornelius' house in Acts 10:38.

Basically, Peter says to Cornelius' family and friends, "You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, with the Holy Spirit and power and how He went about doing good, healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. He tells Cornelius's household (Cornelius had brought his family and close friends into the house), "We're witnesses of these things." Peter is preaching the gospel, the good news of Jesus to them.

Now look what happens. See there is no formula. They were all in one place in Acts 2 and they were all filled. Then they were having revival in Samaria and they were all filled. They were in the house in Acts 4 and God shook the place - all of a sudden! Acts 10:44, while Peter was speaking these words, while he's speaking the gospel, the Holy Spirit CAME UPON all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who came with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles - people who were not of Jewish descent. In other words, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that is the infilling of the Holy Spirit, God opened the door to the Gentiles. God opened the door, here at Cornelius's house, for the gospel to go to white folk, and black and brown folk, orientals, and everyone. You see it was originally sent to the Jews, but now through an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as Peter preached the good news of Jesus, the Holy Spirit fell on Cornelius' house. How do we know they did? They heard them speaking in other languages, and praising God!

My friends, at the infilling of the Spirit, they began to overflow, and began to pray in another language, magnifying and glorifying God, just as they did at the beginning. Just like the Lord wants to do for you.

Don't be drunk with wine, which leads to debauchery and depression, discouragement, addiction, and all that kind of stuff, but be filled with the Holy Spirit. For as Peter told them on the day of Pentecost, *the Promise is for you and your children, as many as the Lord, thy God will call.*

So right now lift your hands and if you don't know Jesus Christ just say, "Lord, I believe you are God's son, I believe you were raised from the dead. I believe you died for me." Just receive salvation right now.

Just like Cornelius, they were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. It could have been simultaneously. Again there is no formula. They could have believed in Jesus and then as he kept preaching, Bam! the Holy Ghost fell. However, lift your hands and receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit and power. Amen

God is good all the time. All the time, He is good. Receive the Holy Spirit and never quit receiving. Let him lead you, guide you, direct you, and empower you, encourage you, comfort you, strengthen you, equip you, overshadow you for underneath are the everlasting arms of God. The Lord said, "*I won't leave you forlorn or helpless. I will come to you.*"

Lift your hands and just receive..receive the Holy Spirit and walk with him, all the rest of your days, be a light, and be a witness.

## THE TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT PART 6

This is a great day the Lord has made. I just got this song in my heart this morning - it's going to be a bright, bright, bright, sunshiny day.

This is Holy Spirit Teaching part 6 and I ask you the question, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?"

We have gone through Gen 1:1-2 where the Holy Spirit breathed and moved upon the waters and God created and brought something out of nothing.

We talked about Judges 6:34 where Gideon became clothed in the Holy Spirit where he went out and delivered Israel from the Midianites and brought a great Victory.

And John the Baptist said in Matt 3:11. . . *"There's one coming after me whose sandals I'm not even worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire."*

He also gives us power. Jesus is the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. And being filled with the Holy Spirit is being filled with Jesus - the name above every name! Hallelujah! Just like Franklin Graham said, *"There's one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."*

In Luke 24:49, Jesus promised and said. . . *"Don't leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift that my Father promised which you heard me speak. For you will be clothed with power from on high."*

So I ask you again, "Have you received since you believed? If it was good enough for Jesus, it is good enough for us. He received the Spirit without measure, became the Baptizer of the Holy Spirit because he himself was baptized by John in the Jordan River. When he came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon him, alighted on him.

Acts chapter 2 tells us that they were all together in one place when the Holy Spirit fell upon all of them. They began to pray in another language as the Spirit gave them the utterance. Then they went out and turned the world upside down.

Acts 4:29-31 tells us that they were praying again, and the Holy Ghost fell and shook the place. Then they all went out and spoke the word of God with boldness and began to work healings and wonders and signs and miracles. Cessationists? What? He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Now we are up to Acts chapter 8. Revival broke out in Samaria and everybody believes in Jesus. Peter and John hear about it go down there. They began to pray for them and lay hands upon them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Because



they had simply been baptized in the name of Jesus. After they were prayed for, the Holy Spirit came upon them just like he did in the beginning.

Acts chapter 10. Peter's at Cornelius's house, preaching the gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ.

Verse 44 says . . . (NIV). *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The believers who had come with Peter were astonished because they heard them praying in other languages and praising and magnifying God.*

When God touches you, you will open your mouth and you will be praying stuff you never thought you'd pray. Praising and magnifying God. This is a sign of the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Let's go to Acts 19 to conclude the teaching on the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Say, "Come on me Lord right now and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Amen."

So Paul went to Ephesus and he ran into a group of Believers. He said in verse 2 . . . (NIV). . . *"Have you received the Holy Spirit since you have believed?"* And they said, "Dude, we didn't even know there was anything such as a Holy Spirit."

They had simply been baptized in John's baptism, a baptism of repentance. Paul said, "That's good to get you started to believe in the one who is to come." So Paul spoke to them and began to lay his hands upon them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, flooded with the Holy Spirit as he came *in them for salvation and then he CAME UPON them* because they surely began to magnify and praise God in another language. Praising God. Worshipping God. The power of God coming upon them.

Back in the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came upon prophets, priests, and Kings. He came on Saul in 1st Samuel 10. The Bible says that when the Holy Spirit came upon Saul, he was turned into another man. 1st Samuel 10:7b (Amp) . . . *do whatever you find to be done, for God is with you.*

In other words, "The Lord blessed whatever he put his hand to."

The Promise is for you and your children and all those who are far off. Two thousand years removed, he is still calling those who will receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is life-changing. Don't go another day. Be filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says, *"Don't be drunk with wine but be filled with the Holy Spirit continually."* So go into your room and shut the door. Pray to your Father who's in

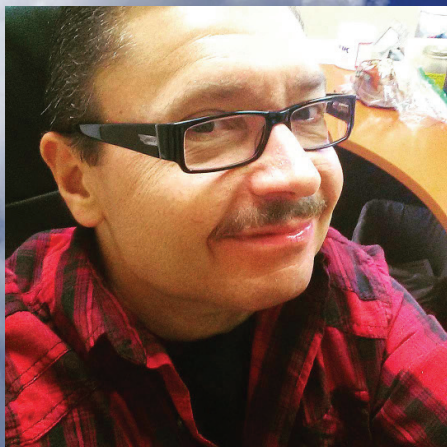
secret and your Father who's in secret will reward you openly. It is God's will; so Ask, seek, knock and the door will be opened unto you. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit and your life will change. You will never be the same. You will have a greater revelation

*Acts 1:8, The Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you the power, the dunamis, to give you the abilities, the efficiencies, 'the might and power.'*

Receive it now. Receive Jesus now if you don't know him. Receive the Holy Holy Spirit and then go out and change your world.

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? The Promise is for you. Ask for it. Believe it. And receive it in Jesus' name.

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