

The Ongoing Power of Pentecost

Acts 2:1–21

A. Introduction

1. Many The Holy Spirit only in connection with Pentecost.
2. The Holy Spirit didn't cease work after the book of Acts is actively at work.
3. Pentecost was the beginning of a new era in God's redemptive plan.
4. Pentecost shows us what happens when the Spirit of God fills the people of God.

B. Pentecost Was a Fulfilment of God's Promise

1. Pentecost did not happen accidentally, but exactly as God planned it.
2. It fulfilled Old Testament Prophecy.
3. God always keeps His promises, & His timing is perfect.
4. Many believers struggle because they want God's power, but not God's timing.
5. Pentecost was marked by the manifest presence of God.
6. The greatest miracle was not the sound or the fire, it was transformed people.
7. The Spirit-filled life changes our attitudes, desires, speech, courage & witness.
8. Christianity is not merely external religion, but the life of God within the believer.

C. The Holy Spirit Convicts the World of Sin

1. John 16:8- Before salvation can come, there must be conviction.
2. The Spirit awakens the conscience & exposes sin.
3. The Spirit reveals Christ & He points them to the Saviour.
4. No one comes to Christ apart from the Spirit
5. The Spirit opens blind eyes and softens hardened hearts.
6. No one is saved merely through emotion or persuasion.
7. Acts 2:5–14 reveals the dramatic transformation in the disciples.
8. Before Pentecost, Peter denied Christ, afterwards, he proclaimed Christ boldly.
9. Peter called them to Repent, Believe, Publicly identify with Christ
10. One Spirit-filled sermon changed eternity for multitudes.
11. The Spirit gives courage; the disciples no longer hid in fear.
12. The Holy Spirit enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things for God.
13. People from many nations heard the Gospel message in their own language.
14. This reminds us that the gospel is for every nation & every culture matters to God
15. The Church was born through preaching is called to reach the world.
16. God chose preaching as the primary means of spreading the gospel.
17. The church advances when Christ is proclaimed clearly and boldly.

D. The Holy Spirit Regenerates the Believer

1. John 3:5–6 Jesus told Nicodemus: "*You must be born again.*"
2. The Spirit gives spiritual life. Religion cannot produce new life.
3. Church attendance, morality, or tradition cannot transform the soul.
4. Only the Holy Spirit can make a sinner spiritually alive.
5. The Spirit does not merely improve the old nature— He imparts new life.
6. A converted person loves God, desires holiness, & hates sin.

7. The Spirit makes us children of God, as believers are adopted into God's family.
8. The Spirit bears witness within us that we belong to the Lord.

E. The Holy Spirit Lives In Every Believer

1. 1 Cor 6:19 At salvation, the Spirit takes residence within the believer.
2. Under the Old Testament, God's presence was associated with the temple.
3. Now God dwells within His people, as The Spirit brings fellowship with God
4. Jesus called Him: "Another Comforter." The Spirit strengthens in sorrow
5. Believers still face issues, The Spirit reminds us of God's promises
6. In dark moments, the Spirit brings truth to remembrance, giving us hope.
7. Even in weakness & uncertainty, the Spirit points believers toward eternal glory.
8. The indwelling Spirit calls us to holiness.
9. Because God dwells within us, so our words, thoughts, & conduct matters
10. The Spirit produces inward transformation.

F. The Holy Spirit Teaches and Guides Believers

1. John 16:13- Without the Spirit, the Bible becomes merely words on a page.
2. The Spirit guides through Scripture, Conviction. Wisdom, & Godly counsel.
3. The Spirit always glorifies Christ. Jesus said: "*He shall glorify me.*"
4. Peter's sermon centred completely on Jesus - Christ Crucified (Acts 2:22-36)
5. The resurrection proves that Jesus is the Son of God, & salvation is complete
6. Pentecost was evidence that Christ reigns.
7. The Spirit always points people to Jesus—not to man.
8. Any movement that magnifies man more than Christ isn't led by the Holy Spirit.

G. The Holy Spirit Produces Spiritual Fruit

1. The evidence of the Spirit's work is not merely emotion or outward excitement.
2. The true evidence is transformed character. The Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)
3. These qualities grow progressively empowering believers for service. Acts 1:8
4. The Christian life cannot be lived in human strength
5. The early church spread because ordinary believers were empowered by God.
6. The Spirit equips the Church with the necessary spiritual gifts (1Cor 12:4-11)
7. Every believer has a role within the body of Christ.

H. Conclusion

1. The Holy Spirit is still at work today, saving sinners & empowering believers.
2. The church does not need programs, entertainment or more charisma.
3. The church desperately needs the power and presence of God.
4. Pentecost reminds us that God keeps His promises
5. The world changed when ordinary believers were filled with the Spirit of God.
6. And God is active & still uses yielded people today.
7. The question is not whether the Spirit is working.
8. The question is whether we are yielding to His work.