



Decade of Availability Filled with the Holy Spirit

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” Luke 11:13

It is clear that God longs to give the Holy Spirit to us—and all we have to do is ask!

Introduction: V. 1 The Day Of Pentecost

1. Pentecost (fiftieth): The Greek name for the ‘Feast of Weeks’ (see Lev 23:15-21). The time between Passover and Pentecost was 50 days. It is also associated with God’s renewal of the covenant, three months after the original Passover and the exodus redemption from Egypt. (Ex 19).

2. Fully come: More than the interval between Passover and Pentecost. This was the end of a period of long-preparation for the Kingdom of God.

→ **Pentecost is the Holy Spirit active in us towards others!**

A. Wind v. 2 1 King 19:11 *God passes by Moses in the wind...*

1. Sound of heaven: There was NO wind—only the SOUND of wind. It came from heaven. As Moses went up the mountain and came down with the Law—so Jesus went to heaven and sent us the Holy Spirit—the sound of a rushing mighty wind.

2 Sam 22:16 God’s deliverance as a ‘blast’ of breath

Psalms 33:6 God’s creation by the ‘breath’ of His mouth

Ezek 37:9-10 The wind and the dry bones

B. Fire v.3

1. Divided tongues of fire: These ‘tongues’ are NOT the same as the ‘other tongues’ of verse 4. It appears that one great fire swept across the disciples and then divided equally among (over) each one. The ‘fire’ and the Spirit is available to every believer.

2. John’s prophecy: *Luke 3:16-17* seems to indicate that the ‘fire’ represents in part a future judgment. When we go in the ‘fire’ of the Spirit we will save some from a future fire judgment.

Exodus 3:2-5 The ‘fire’ of guidance—the burning bush. Bushes no longer are burning—His people are now ‘burning’ when they are filled with His Spirit and fire.

C. Spirit v. 4

1. Filled: Luke (the writer of Luke/Acts) uses ‘filled’ nine times to refer to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Paul uses it one time in *Eph 5:18* to indicate the continuing work of the Spirit.

2. Promise and Power: This filling is the ‘**promise**’ of the **Father**’ spoken of in *Acts 1:4*. And the ‘**empowerment**’ of *Acts 1:8*.

3. The other tongues: The Baptism of the Spirit results in prophetic and inspired missional speech. Everyone heard these tongues in their own language. *See 2:8*

Availability Note: This wonderful gift is for believers in Christ to enable them to participate effectively in the mission of the Church.

The Holy Spirit is waiting to empower your speech so that others will hear and understand the Gospel.

Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

Day of Pentecost

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Wind

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Fire

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Spirit

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

John 14:15-17 (NKJV)

15 If you love Me, keep My commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** 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.

Luke 3:16-17 (NKJV)

16 John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** **17** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

1 Corinthians 12:13-14 (NKJV)

13 For by one Spirit we were all **baptized into one body**— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **14** For in fact the body is not one member but many.