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PENTECOST



Old Testament scriptures that
spoke of the coming of the Holy
Spirit:

- **Ez. 36:26-29**

- *A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **And I will put my Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ...and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

The Prophet Joel

- **Joel 2:28-29**

- *And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit on all flesh**; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even upon the menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my spirit.*

- In the Old Testament, only the designated priests, prophets, and kings experienced the Spirit of God in their lives.

Yet, the promise was always that a time would come when every man and woman would receive the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist

- *"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,*
- *but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.*
- *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Matthew 3:11

Jesus Begins His Ministry

- ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying,
- “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”
(Mk 1: 14-15)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

Although the apostles received an initial anointing during Christ's earthly ministry, Jesus declared that a more profound anointing awaited them.

*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask **the Father**, and he **will give you** another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even **the Spirit of truth**, ..**You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.**"*
(Jn 14:15-17)

Resurrection and the 40 days

- He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
- ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said,
- **you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”** Acts 1:2-4

The Ascension

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, **"Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"** ⁷

He said to them, **"It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.**

⁸ **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

What can we learn from this?

- The apostles had lived with Jesus for three years but still were lacking something that Jesus wanted to give them.
- He promised them that in a few days there would be an event that would change their lives, that they would receive power (Greek ***dunamis*** "dynamite") to be His witnesses.

Back to the Upper Room (Acts 1:12-15)

- ¹² they returned to Jerusalem
- ¹³ they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.
- ¹⁴ **All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.**
- ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120)...

Pentecost

- "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly, there came from the sky a noise like a **strong driving wind**, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them **tongues as of fire**, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. **Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.**

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

(Act 2:14-41)

- ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ **For these people are not drunk, as you suppose,** since it is only the third hour of the day. ^[b] ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

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- *And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;** your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even upon the menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my spirit.*

the promise is for you and for your children

- ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
- ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, **“Brothers, what shall we do?”** ³⁸ **And Peter said to them, “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. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” (Acts 2:37-39)**

What has happened here?

- The 120 who had been gathered in the upper room praying for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, have now experienced a baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire - they have been transformed from fearful, weak believers into bold witnesses:
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- Signs and wonders - great wind and tongues of fire
- Bold preaching
- Multiple languages spoken with all understanding
- Apostles appear drunk to the onlookers, so full

Holy Spirit Empowers the Metanoia

- Peter, the very apostle who had denied Jesus three times, is now preaching before a crowd of at least 3,000. Thomas the doubter, James and John who had argued about who was the greatest are now filled with joy and boldness, unafraid to proclaim that Jesus is Lord!
- As you read the book of Acts, you discover what this meant for their lives - they came together and lived in common, healed in the name of Jesus, preached the message to hundreds, and endured great persecution joyfully, .
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What does this mean for us?

“Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ.” CCC#1275

- Confirmation is meant to empower our lives to be a fearless disciple of love and power. Yet, for this sacrament to be most effective, each believer must actualize the grace that was received.
- So, for Catholics to speak of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, we are speaking of a release of power that has been given to us, an awakening of sacramental grace, a yielding to the power of the indwelling Spirit within.

What at the Fruits?

- Sense of closeness to God, knowing His personal love and forgiveness
- Joy, desire to witness to the power of God
- Release from fear
- New spiritual gifts - words of wisdom, words of knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, various kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues (all these were manifested in the disciples) 1 Cor. 12:4-11
- Ability to hear the Lord speak through the scripture, Mass, others

Proclaiming His message to the world

- By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to continue to do His work
- It is for you and your children because Pentecost is for every age.
- Repent and trust in His love.
- All of the saints have experienced a life led by the Holy Spirit.
- The Cure of Ars said that if you asked those in heaven why they are there, they would say that they **listened to and obeyed the voice of the Holy Spirit.**

Sr. Elena Guerra and Leo XIII

- In 1886, from Lucca, Italy felt the Holy Spirit tell her to write to the Pope (Leo XIII) to urge him to seek a renewal of the Church through the Holy Spirit - to increase preaching on the Holy Spirit and to call the whole Church to unite in constant prayer like Mary and the apostles as they awaited the Holy Spirit.
- **On Jan. 1, 1901, Pope Leo sung the Veni at the Mass.**

The Birth of the Pentecostals

- On the same day (January 1, 1901) in Topeka, Kansas, another world-wide revival began.
- Minister Charles Parham and his students were praying and studying the Bible about Jesus' promise of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and holding a 24 hour/7 day vigil asking God to pour out his Spirit the way he did at Pentecost.
- A young woman named Agnes Ozman was prayed over for this and experienced a great presence of God, prayed in tongues and the blessing spread quickly to others. This was the beginning of Pentecostalism.
- AZUSA Revival; New Pentecost spread even to the mainline denominations

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In 1962, St. Pope John XXIII prayed for "a new Pentecost" in preparation for the Second Vatican Council. He asked God to:

"Renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen."

Duquesne, Potomac Maryland (OLOM), Ann Arbor,

Pope John Paul II devoted 1998 as a year to the Holy Spirit and declared:

- “The **institutional and charismatic aspects are co-essential** as it were to the Church’s constitution. They contribute, although differently, to the life, renewal and sanctification of God’s People. It is from this providential rediscovery of the Church’s charismatic dimension that, before and after the Council, a remarkable pattern of growth has been established for ecclesial movements and new communities...You, present here, are the tangible proof of this “outpouring” of the Spirit.
- Open yourselves docilely to the gifts of the Spirit! Accept gratefully and obediently the charisms which the Spirit never ceases to bestow on

Pope Benedict Jan. 13, 2008

- "Christ's entire mission is summed up in this: to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, to free us from the slavery of death and "to open heaven to us." Jan. 13, 2008

Can we pray right now!

- Holy Spirit, we desire to experience you in the fullness that you have planned for us.
- You have called us to be saints.
- Open us up to a new grace of a renewal of Pentecost in our lives. We desire all that you have for us.
- Release the Holy Spirit in us that we might be transformed.