

SERMON FOLLOW-UP

PENTECOST: The Promise | The Purpose | The Power | The Presence

Key Scripture: Acts 1:8

SERMON RECAP:

On this past Pentecost Sunday, we ministered from the subject: *The Promise, The Purpose, The Power, and The Presence*. Our scripture was taken from Acts 2:1-4 and the foundational scripture was Acts 1:8. The Holy Ghost was prophesied before Pentecost in the Old Testament (Joel 2:28), promised by Jesus in the New Testament (John 14:26) and fulfilled in Acts 2:4. In addition, the Holy Ghost is still being manifested in the lives of believers every day, for the Spirit of God is eternal.

The purpose of the Holy Ghost according to John 14:16 and Acts 1:8 is to empower and equip believers to be Jesus's witness in the earth and to carry out His work. It is also to comfort, protect, produce fruit, sanctify, impart knowledge, teach, lead, and guide the believer into all truth. The Holy Ghost is God in the Spirit and the third person of the Godhead. It is not to be feared by rather revered. The Lord reminded us that many believers do not possess the gift and unfortunately are unlikely to admit this, for fear of being judged. While these believers have accepted Jesus Christ, they have not experienced evidence of the Holy Ghost yet, in their lives. Therefore, it is necessary during these perilous times to truly possess the gift of the Holy Ghost. The time is now!

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- Since it's God gift to you as a believer, have you received the Holy Ghost since you accepted Jesus Christ (Acts 19:2)?
- According to the book of Acts 10:38, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost during His earthly ministry to equip Him to carry out His ministry in the earth. Therefore, If Jesus, God's Son, had the Holy Ghost to carry out His Father's work, don't you think we need it to do Jesus's work in the earth, now?
- In the book of Acts 2:4, the evidence that was given to 120 men and women that received the Holy Ghost was the gift of tongues, have you ever spoken in tongues? If you have, when was the last time you allowed the Holy Ghost to speak through you?
- Remember, God desires that His people, His church, be spiritually equipped and on fire, not lukewarm like the church of Laodicean (Revelation 3:14-22). Do you consider yourself on fire or spiritually lukewarm? If you are lukewarm, ask God to fill you with the Holy Ghost.

TAKEAWAY:

Even if you have already spoken in tongues and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, keep striving for more spiritual gifts. The Lord revealed that the Holy Ghost is so powerful it can impart nine different gifts and with each gift, you receive a different tongue. If you have not received the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, remember it is already promised to you, therefore believe, and receive it by faith. Unlike the 120 men and women who waited for the promise of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, you no longer have to wait...it is here now, just receive it!

***Further Your Understanding: Read Acts 2:1-41 & Revelations 3:14-22**