

COME HOLY SPIRIT: A SERMON SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT #6

“Pentecost-The Church Unleashed by The Holy Spirit”

Scripture Readings: Psalm 16:8-11; Joel 2:28-32; Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-13, 42-47

The Nicene Creed: “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.”

“Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.” **John Stott**

*****God, The Holy Spirit, The 3rd Member of the Trinity, is able and willing to breathe new life into our souls and the Church, rekindle our dying and struggling faith, inflame our passion for God, and enliven us to be part of God’s mission in the world. The Holy Spirit has been, is and will continue to be present and active in the world and in human lives until the eternal purposes and promises of God are fulfilled.**

I. The Earthly Ministry of Jesus Christ Comes to an End (Acts 1:1-8)

A. Jesus began to do and to teach, giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to those he had chosen, until the Day he was taken up into Heaven (Ascension).

B. Jesus presented himself to his disciples giving them many convincing proofs that he was alive.

C. Jesus appeared to them over a period of 40 Days and spoke to them about the Kingdom of God.

D. Jesus commanded them “Do not leave Jerusalem. Wait for the Gift my Father promised and I have heard me speak about... “John the Baptist baptized with water but in a few days you will be baptized by the Holy Spirit.”

E. Jesus answered The Disciples’ Question “Lord are you going to restore the Kingdom to Israel now?”

1. It is not for you to know the times or dates of the restoration of the Kingdom.
2. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
3. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth.

F. Jesus returned to heaven...glorified with the promise that He will return...

II. The Holy Spirit led Earthly Ministry of Jesus Christ Continues (Acts 2:1-47)

A. The Day of Pentecost came...(Feast of the Weeks/Feast of the Harvest Temple...Post Temple The Celebration of the Giving of the Law)..50 Days after Passover [Leviticus 23:16

B. The Followers of Jesus Christ were all together in ONE Place...The Upper Room

C. Suddenly, ALL of the Disciples were filled and enabled by the Holy Spirit...a blowing, violent wind and tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

D. The Crowd in Jerusalem, made of people from many nations, ask "How is it that each of us hear the praises of God in our own language and what does it mean?"

E. The Apostle Peter stood up with the other Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd to answer their Questions...with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, using the Old Testament and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ... "This Jesus is both Lord and Messiah!"

F. The Crowd's Response: "What shall we do?"

G. The Apostle Peter's Response: "Repent. Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. You will receive the Holy Spirit...This is the Promise of God to all who will believe and whom God calls" ...even as he continued to warn and plead with them.

H. The Church. The Body of Christ. The Temple of the Holy Spirit...The Ones entrusted with continuing the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ until He returns.

1. A People with a Mission and a Purpose (Matthew 28:18-20)... "All power/authority has been given to me (an now to you) GO and make disciples...and I will be with you to the very end of time."

2. A People devoted/committed to a Certain Way of Life (Acts 2:42-47)... "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Conclusions/Applications/Questions

Next Week:

Summer Worship Schedule Begins (One Service at 10:00am)

New Summer Sermon Series begins...