

WHEN THE SPIRIT COMES WITH POWER

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Introducing The Holy Spirit, part 3 of 5

BIG IDEA: We can expect the Holy Spirit to empower us help us more effectively share Jesus with others. This “filling” frequently comes with gifts, inspires us to worship, and invites us into his generous community of grace.

³ ...he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive... spoke about the kingdom of God.

⁴ ...wait for the gift my Father promised... John baptized with water... you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ ...to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

1. The Spirit himself brings **POWER** with him.

¹ Fills completely each one who **believes**. (Eph. 1:13)

² Fills and **empowers** us, and more than once. (Acts 2:4; 4:31)

³ Fills us **continually**, so we don't live empty but full. (Eph. 5:18)

⁴ He also **anoints** us incidentally with gifts. (Acts 4:8; 7:55; 1 Cor. 12:7)

2. The Spirit's empowering presence is for **ADVANCING GOD'S PURPOSES**, not so we become collectors of spiritual experiences. (Mt. 17:2-5)

¹ Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

1) *Christians were gathered together.* (Mt. 18:20)

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house... tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each... filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

2) *Suddenly means it was unplanned, but not unexpected.*

3) *The Spirit filled the whole place!*

4) *The Spirit fell on them in a discernable way.*

5) *All of them, not just a few, were filled up with the Spirit.*

6) *They knew the Spirit came because of the phenomenon.*

3. Frequently, when the Spirit shows up, there is **EVIDENCE** in gifts and phenomenon associated with him.

⁶ ...each one heard their own language being spoken.

7) *Known Languages, unknown to the speakers!*

⁷ “... declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

8) *Tongues are typically directed upward to God in praise.*

9) *Got the conversation going about God and his purposes.*

¹³ “They have had too much wine.”

10) *It can always be misinterpreted, or explained-away...*

¹⁴ “God says, I will pour out my Spirit in those days” **2:1-18**

11) *“God promised this, and has kept his promise.”*

When the Spirit moves like this: **Gifts** are released (19:6). **Worship** is inspired (10:46). **Generous community** is shared (4:31-35). The **Good News spreads** (6:7; 8:4; 10:44; 12:24)!