

POWER WITH PURPOSE

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God's Spirit At Work, part 2 of 2

BIG IDEA: God promised his Spirit would come and make us alive—indwelling and empowering us to do his bidding on the earth. We can and should expect him to continue this work *in, on* and *through* us.

⁴ “wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

1. There is MORE—and we should wait for and expect it.

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.”

2. The Spirit COMES WITH POWER.

3. The Power is for a PURPOSE—telling others about Jesus.

^{2:2} Suddenly a **sound** like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and **filled** the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of **fire** that separated and came to **rest** on each of them. ⁴ All of them were **filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak** in other tongues as the Spirit **enabled** them.

4. The Spirit FILLED them. (Ex. 3:2)

3 dimensions of “tongues”

“I live here!”

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?... ¹¹ **we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!** ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “**What does this mean?**”

5. It came with OTHERWORLDLY PHENOMENA. (Acts 4:31)

6. The Spirit brought WORSHIP!

¹³ made fun of them... “They have had too much wine.”

7. There are always many REACTIONS to it.

¹⁴ “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, **this is that** which was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will ***pour out my Spirit on all people***. Your sons and daughters will ***prophesy***, your young men will see ***visions***, your old men will dream ***dreams***. [revelation] ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will ***prophesy***. ¹⁹ I will show ***wonders*** in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the ***moon*** to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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