



## What about me? Part 1 PENTECOST



### TEXT: ACTS 2:1-4, 14-21

Remarkable day, finale to series of amazing events → Jesus' ministry, arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection, post-resurrection appearances (40 days), ascension ... period of waiting (10 days) then ... This extraordinary event that launched church + next phase of God's purposes here on earth

Joel prophesied that the day would come when the Holy Spirit would be **POURED OUT** upon ALL flesh → Men & women, young & old, slave & free.

- \* In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was available for certain people in specific roles = **PROPHET, PRIEST & KING**.
- \* He would **COME UPON** people and then **LEAVE**.
- *Where do we see evidence of Holy Spirit in the Old Testament? What did He do? What did He not do? How was it different from the New Covenant we live under?*
- \* Now, after the resurrection and after Pentecost, there is a new level of Holy Spirit involvement = **INFILLING & EMPOWERING**.
- \* John 20:19-22. 3:5-7, Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8

What were they **EXPECTING**?

→ *What do you think they had really understood of what Jesus had predicted? Did they know what the Holy Spirit would be like? What would He do?*

- \* Jesus had started to **PREPARE** them ... by teaching, training, modelling (John 16:5-13, 14:16-17)
- \* It was for their **GOOD** that He was going away
- \* He would send **ANOTHER** 'Paraclete,' with same **CHARACTERISTICS**, similar **FUNCTION** and **PURPOSE**, and the same **MISSION**.

→ *Why was it good for them that He was going away? What would change? What would they gain? How ridiculous must that have sounded to them and why? How then did it affect the life of the early church?*

### WHAT ABOUT ME?

- \* People struggle with **WHERE** the Holy Spirit **FITS**. The **FATHER** is obvious; the **SON** is easy.
- \* The Holy Spirit is bringing back the reality of His **PERSON, PRESENCE & POWER** to the church.
- *In your church experience / tradition, what part has the Holy Spirit played? Has it been passing reference, polite acknowledgment, a tag on the end?*
- *Where do you think He fits? What is His role? How important is He?*

### HOLY SPIRIT METAPHORS

A **PICTURE** that explains something that's difficult to **FATHOM** by making a **COMPARISON**.

e.g.'s → The snow is a white blanket ... The hospital was a refrigerator ... The classroom was a zoo ... Life is a rollercoaster ... My teacher is a dragon ... My kid's room is a disaster area

**HOLY SPIRIT METAPHORS** → **OIL, FIRE, WATER, RAIN, WIND, DOVE** ... Each one explains a little more of what He's really like.

### Holy Spirit VERBS

→ *Take a detailed look at some of the verses below. How badly do we need more of that / all of that? Which of them have you seen Him doing, either in your life or in your church? Which ones would you really like to see more of?*

1. Filled with – Eph 5:18, Acts 4:31 (room shook)
2. Fell upon – Acts 10:44
3. Clothed with power – Luke 24:49
4. Baptised – Mark 1:8, Acts 1:5
5. Be with you – John 14:16
6. Anoint – Acts 10:38, 1 John 2:20,27
7. Gives birth to spiritual life – John 3:6
8. Quickens – John 6:63
9. Led by – Luke 4:1, Rom 8:14
10. Filled with joy – Jesus in Luke 10:21, Acts 13:52
11. Teach – Luke 12:12, John 14:26
12. Confirm – Rom 9:1
13. Encourage – Acts 9:31 (therefore church grew)
14. Give ability – Acts 2:4
15. Prophecy – Acts 19:6, 21:4
16. Reveals – Eph 3:5
17. Giving signs, wonders, various miracles + gifts – Heb 2:4
18. Preach in power of – 1 Pet 1:12
19. Pray in power of – Jude 1:20
20. Guide your lives – Gal 5:16
21. Control – Rom 8:5
22. Help us in our weakness – Rom 8:26
23. Make holy – Rom 15:16, 2 Thess 2:13
24. Produce fruit – Gal 5:22
25. Fill our hearts with love – Rom 5:5, Col 1:8
26. Took me in the Spirit (vision) – Rev 21:10
27. Moved by – 2 Pet 1:21