

June 3rd 2007: The Holy Spirit: Amazingly Present: Acts 2:1-11

Last Sunday was a very special day.....in the church Calendar.....?????

The Day of Pentecost:::~::~The celebration of that occasion....ch hist...when HS.....

Turn with me to → Acts 2:1-11.....

- **For these followers of Jesus.....**this was an incredible experience

It was life changing.....It brought wonder...colour....power into their lives

(Who remembers the first time when..after watching black and white...exp a colour tv ??????)

Well these disciples did not just see.....they experienced a power entering.....also personality plus

It transformed them:::~::~**It filled** their lives with colour and joy and courage and expression

And this wasn't just the Apostles.....From the quote...

Included both men, women, young people

- **And also....the coming of HS within them.....**was noticeable to others

Of course the HS chose to make it so

The very noise of His coming.....was like the sound of a Cyclone.....a violent wind

And it would have been this noise that first captured the attention (***flames at Crown***)

That was the Holy Spirits doing

- **But then this crow of God-fearing Jews.....**From every Nation.....

Heard another noise that was just as amazing.....and bewildering

It was the sound of about 120 people.....speaking all at once

Doing so in different languages

despite the obvious fact...that these Jews were from Galilee---hardly speak the Jewish

- **And we can imagine the excitement growing to fever pitch**

As people begin to pick out their own heart language.....Hear the wonders of God..

And this was also.....all of the HS

He did this to make His presence known...**THE** glory goes to Him...not the people→instruments

Here we discover the HS.....letting the Nations know.....that God is on the move

There are still many times today.....**HS** lets people know about His power presence

through His servants.....

Through a **miracle of healing**.....A **tongue** spoken with.....Inspired preaching

The conversion of many.....Deliverance from demons

Again it's an amazing statement from the HS...and its not the instrument who is due the glory

But Almighty God

Yet it wasn't just this awesome expressions of the HS.....that made Pentecost so valuable

It wasn't just the incredible noise.....the speaking in other languages.....powerful preaching

that set the day of Pentecost apart....as a **landmark occasion for**

Those things were incredible expressions of the Spirit of God.....

But they happened.....achieved their purpose.....then stopped

- **But there was something...**that started at Pentecost.....

- **Continued right** through the early church **and still** continues today

It's the Holy Spirit----Amazingly present----in every believer

Look back at 2:3

"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them".

The fire was for ...the whole Body of believers by being on ...each separate believer

No one missed out

→**Because** the Spirit was not given on the basis of
intelligence....goodness....ability....age....standing...gender...

But as a gift for each believer

- **And straightaway**....it made a noticeable.....ongoing difference in each

I don't mean the speaking in other languages

That was for them.....a unique experience.....of the HS showing His power thro them

**The ongoing experience of the HS.....Seen not only in them.....but in the 3000
Is evidenced**

.by the changes that began to characterize their lives

Acts 2:42-47 shares some of them with us

V42 “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer”.

They wanted to study God’s word

They wanted to be with other believers

They wanted to pray with them.....and eat communion with them

That hadn’t been there before.....It was the result of the HS

- **They were filled with awe.....**worship of Almighty God
- **They were** concerned for one another.....looked out for one another...
- Became a family
- **They had glad and sincere hearts**

And even non-believers saw something about them.....that drew them to their company

- **And later on when persecution came.....**they didn’t give in

But went everywhere sharing about God’s love

Such is the ongoing result of.....presence of the HS.....within the believer

If you are a believer.....then you would sense such desires in you

Stronger in some areas....than in others.....**Growing** and become more part of you

Or Perhapssadly you admit**that they were** once there

So much stronger than they are today.....but somehow the passion has faded

Has the Holy Spirit left you??.....No He wont do that

Is He less powerful to work in you.....**Again No:::~::~**

Its you who need to seek to be filled

To allow Him.....to elevate the things of the Lord to the place of priority

- **If you want that power and passion again.....**Or perhaps you want it....first time

Then you need to come before the Lord today.....and open yourself to His filling...power

To let Him show you where you need His forgiveness

His cleansing

To open yourself to His Will for your life

(Last Sunday.....speaker was the 2005 Young Australian of the Year

to pray a Dangerous prayer

The first part is Lord fill me with your Spirit

Then its here I amLord use me)

Are you willing today.....to pray that prayer before you leave this place..

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