

On Lockdown with the Holy Spirit

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Text: Acts 2:1-41

I. On lockdown with the Holy Spirit

What really happened at Pentecost?

- Wind...Fire...Filled v2-4
"The blowing of a violent wind came from heaven. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."
- Miracle Alert: One Tongue... _____ Languages v5-11
"...each one heard their own language being spoken."
- One Event... _____ Experiences v12,13
"Some, however, made fun of them..."
- The Message: 8 Minutes of Anointing
"...and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

II. Holy Spirit: Come and Gone...

- Saul** - "Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul..." - 1 Samuel 16:14
Gideon - "The Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon." - Judges 6:34
Jephthah - "Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jephthah." - Judges 11:29
Samson - "The Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily..." - Judges 14:6; 15:4
David - "...Do not take your Holy Spirit from me." - Psalm 51:11

III. ...Here to Stay

- Jesus - "The Father will give you another Helper, to be with you forever." John 14:16
Paul - "...if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."
Romans 8:9
Believers - "When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." Ephesians 1:13-14

IV. 5 Reasons why we need to be Spirit-filled

1. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit _____.
"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me because the Lord has anointed Me..."
Isiah 61:1
2. Christ-like character is borne by _____.
"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Gal 5:22,23
3. We need the Spirit's presence to effectively serve in our calling:
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness... Luke 4:1
4. We need the Spirit's Power to win out over temptation and our flesh
For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh." Gal 5:17
5. It is the Holy Spirit's work, which touches lives for Christ
"Do not...take your Holy Spirit from me. Then sinners will be converted to you."
Psalm 51:13

V. This week with the Holy Spirit

Review the 9 fruit of the Spirit in Gal 5:22,23 - "Love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

With all that's going on with the COVID-19 global pandemic. In your own life, which one of these fruits of the Holy Spirit is most important to you in your own life right now? And why? For the next 7 days ask God's Holy Spirit for a breakthrough in your Spiritual Growth in this area of your life... Expecting the Holy Spirit to answer, He will!