



THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Power Behind Christianity

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INTRODUCTION

Today is a very special Sunday. All over the world, the Church of Jesus Christ is celebrating the Day of Pentecost — the day the Holy Ghost came into the world. This is fifty days after Easter, and it marks the official beginning of Christianity.

Jesus began the work, but He told the disciples not to go anywhere until the Holy Ghost came.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

— Acts 1:5

Without the Holy Ghost, there is no Christianity. The Holy Ghost is what makes the difference. When the disciples received the Holy Ghost, the Church was born in power. The day the Holy Ghost came is the birthday of the Church.

FOCUS ON THE MAIN THING

Before the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were focused on earthly matters and political expectations. But Jesus redirected their attention to what truly mattered.

It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...

— Acts 1:7-8

Power comes after the Holy Ghost comes. The ability to represent Jesus Christ comes from the Holy Spirit. There must be kingdom energy at work in the believer.

Christianity is not ordinary life. Without the power of the Holy Ghost, Christianity becomes mere religion.

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind...

— Acts 2:1-2

Before this moment, the disciples were living in fear — hiding and uncertain. But when the Holy Ghost came, everything changed instantly. Fear disappeared. Power came. Boldness came.

The presence of the Spirit brings sudden change.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

— Acts 2:3

The Holy Ghost brings fire. The fire of God burns away fear, oppression, and every work not of God. The presence of the Lord becomes the believer's defense. The enemy cannot remain where the fire of God is active.

THE ANOINTING REMOVES BURDENS

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

— Isaiah 10:27

Burdens and yokes cannot remain where the anointing is present. The anointing causes spiritual expansion. The yoke breaks because the believer becomes too enlarged spiritually for bondage to remain. The presence of God destroys limitations.

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

— 1 John 2:20

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you...

— 1 John 2:27

Believers are already anointed. The Holy Spirit does not come partially — when He comes, He comes in fullness. The challenge is often not the absence of anointing, but the lack of awareness of it.

Boldly declare:

I am anointed.

SUCH AS I HAVE, GIVE I THEE

Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

— Acts 3:6

Peter understood that something supernatural was at work within him. The Holy Ghost empowered him to minister healing and power to the lame man at the gate Beautiful.

Believers are carriers and distributors of God's grace. Once the Holy Ghost entered the disciples, ordinary life ended. The believer now carries:

- ◆ Divine power
- ◆ Divine grace
- ◆ Divine boldness

◆ Divine authority

Circumstances cannot limit the believer who walks in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CELEBRATE THE HOLY GHOST

The Holy Ghost transformed fearful men into powerful witnesses. Peter had denied Jesus before the coming of the Holy Spirit, but after receiving the Holy Ghost, he came out speaking boldly and proclaiming the Gospel.

Celebrate the Holy Ghost continually — at home, at work, at school, in the car, everywhere. The early disciples celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit openly and joyfully, and their lives became a testimony of divine power.

Remain conscious of the Holy Spirit. Walk in boldness. Refuse ordinary living. Recognize the anointing already at work within you.

Christianity without the Holy Ghost is incomplete. The Holy Spirit is the essence of Christianity.

CLOSING SCRIPTURES

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

— Acts 2:4

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

— Philippians 2:13

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

— Colossians 1:27
