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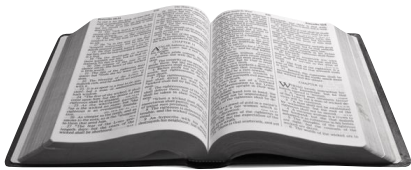
*who search the Scripture
so as to walk in the grace
and truth of Christ Jesus.*

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*John 14:16-17
Lesson #26
Outpouring of the Spirit
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How to read the Old Testament



**The Outpouring
of the Spirit**

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New Covenant Game Changers

- **The Law is fulfilled & finished**
(The Cross)
- **The Hope is clarified & certain**
(The Resurrection)
- **The Spirit is given**
(Pentecost)

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Ezekiel 36

"²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you**; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ **I will put My Spirit within you** and **cause** you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances."

- Jesus initiates the **fulfillment** of this prophecy.

Acts 1

"⁵ for John baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now. . . . ⁸ you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

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Inconvenient Truths

- ✓ Many true believers do not experience the kind of life change **they expect at conversion**.

παρακλητος (parakletos)

"one who comes along side to help"

Translated as:

"Teacher" "Helper"
"Comforter" "Advocate"
"Mediator" "Encourager"



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How does **Pentecost** affect the way we read the O.T.?

1. **Edifying self** - Position "in Christ". Fit for heaven as joint heirs with Christ to the kingdom of God.
 - ✓ **Intimacy** - Moved from being slaves to adopted sons and daughters.
 - ✓ **Enlightening** - Uncovering true meaning of the O.T. as it relates to God's ultimate plan through Christ.
 - ✓ **Guiding** - A new heart, freedom from the Law, and a heavenly hope charts the believer's path.
2. **Edifying others** - Christ in us. Fit for earth being equipped for ministry.
 - ✓ **Evangelism** - Spreading the Gospel to the world.
 - ✓ **Gifting** - Various motivations, ministries, and manifestations of the Spirit to build the Body of Christ.

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How does the **Holy Spirit** change lives?

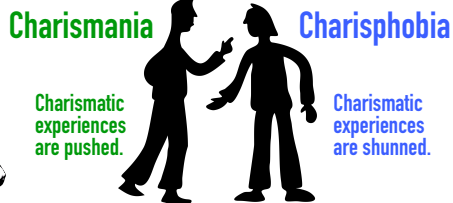
- **A helping ministry** (affirming our identity)
- **A filling ministry** (equipper for service)
- **A rescue ministry** (deliverer from bondage)



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- The Apostles' teaching (in the Epistles) assume that **every Christian** is baptized in the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12

"¹³ For by one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

- The Apostles **do not exhort** "born again" believers to seek a second or special "baptism" or "filling" with / in / by the Spirit for power to minister.
- The Apostles recognize stages and classes of spiritual development but not of two **comings of the Holy Spirit**.

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1 Corinthians 12

"¹ Now concerning **spiritual {matters,}** brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. . . . ⁴ Now there are **varieties** of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are **varieties** of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ And there are **varieties** of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

- We are to expect great **variety** in the way the Spirit is experienced and expressed.

"⁷ But to **each one** is given the **manifestation** of the Spirit for the **common good**."

- The Spirit was given to **every** believer for the edification to the **whole church**.

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Some believe that there are two visitations of the Spirit - one before and one at Pentecost

based on the following assumptions:

- ✓ **Mixing O.C. with N.C.** - All believers (including O.T. saints) were "born again" by the indwelling of the Spirit upon justifying faith (before Pentecost).
- ✓ **Personal experience** - Many Christians have a dramatic experience of the Spirit subsequent to "new birth". This two stage spiritual experience fits the narrative of Acts.



- ✓ **John 20:22** refers to the "indwelling" while Acts 2 refers to the "baptism / filling" of the Spirit.

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John 20

"21 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.22 And when He had said this, **He breathed {on them}, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.** 23 If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

Two different understandings

1.

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2.

This is a *prophetic proclamation* of what would take place at Pentecost.

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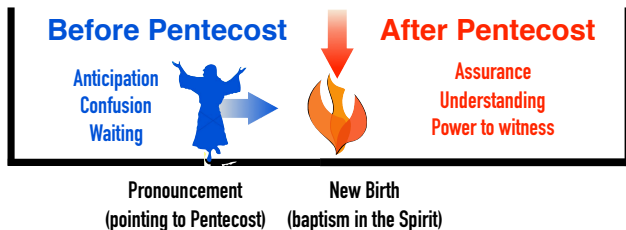
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Understandings #2

This is a *prophetic word* pointing ahead to Pentecost.

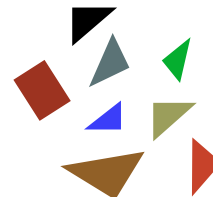
John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."



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Before Pentecost



The pieces were all there but did not make sense to the disciples.

After Pentecost



The pieces made sense to the disciples.

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Before Pentecost

The disciples were commanded to bring the Gospel to the world.

They were told to "receive the Spirit".

They were told to "forgive and retain" sin.



After Pentecost

They started to do it.

They received this promise.

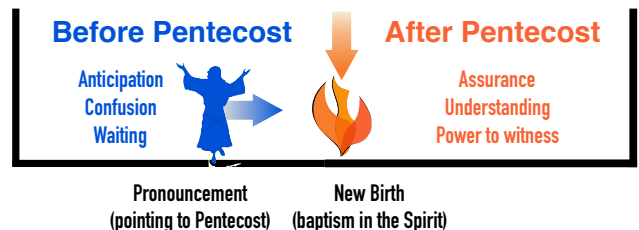
They exercised this authority.

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John 16:7

"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

Does this text refer to Pentecost



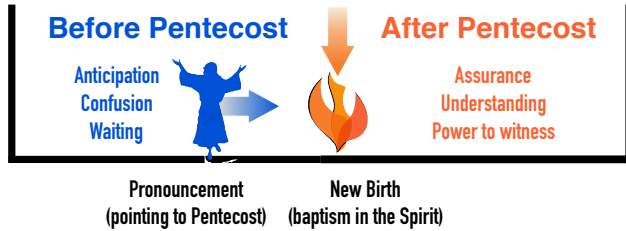
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John 14

“17. . . the Spirit of truth . . . He abides with you and will be in you.”

19 After a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me because I live, you will live also.”

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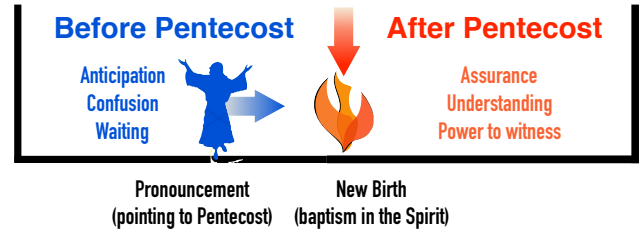


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John 7:39

“But this he spoke of the Spirit, whom these who believed in him were to receive; for the spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

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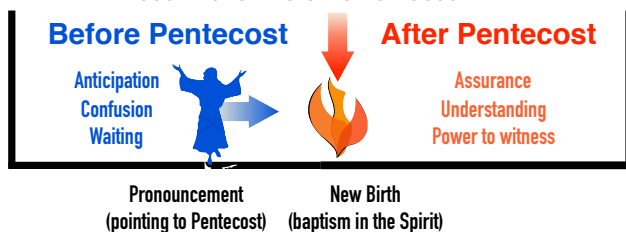


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Acts 1

“4 And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.””

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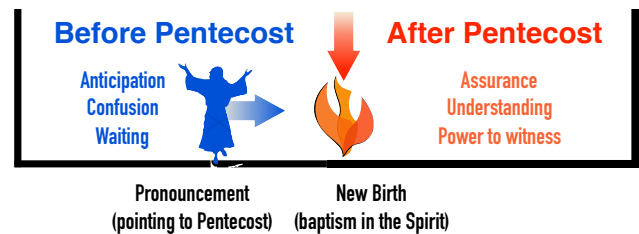


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Acts 2:33

“Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured forth this which you both see and hear.”

Does this text refer to Pentecost



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Luke 24

“47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.””

Both proclaiming the Gospel and authority to define the boundaries of the Gospel go together.

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A clarifying text

Acts 11

“15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them (Acts 10:44-46), just as He did upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 If God therefore gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” 18 And when they heard this, they quieted down, and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.””

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Romans 8:9

“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.”

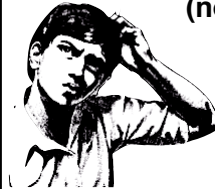
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- ✓ The Apostles coach life change by calling for
- **mind renewal and commitment**
(not a second infilling of the Spirit).



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Ephesians 3

“¹⁴ For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man**; ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may **be able to comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and **to know the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

- The Spirit’s first and most important ministry is to **challenge our perceptions** of ourselves and the Body of Christ.
- Paul’s prayer for the saints is that their **perceptions** would come in line with God’s.

“Charismatic experience” may be “A” means to it.

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Why do many believe that the Spirit did not come until Pentecost?

- ✓ **Jesus had to go to the Father first.** Jn.7:39, 14:26, 16:7, Acts 1:4, 2:33
- ✓ **The disciples were to wait for the Spirit** before they went to the world with the Gospel. Acts 1:4, 2:33
- ✓ The disciples did not seem to understand the significance of the Cross and Resurrection **until after Pentecost.** Acts 1:4, 2:33
- ✓ John 20:21-23 is best understood as a **prophetic word**.
- ✓ The N.T. writers do not speak of **two comings of the Spirit**.
- ✓ **The N.T. Epistles assume all believers have the Spirit.** There is no teaching of two comings. 1 Cor.12:13

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Making sense of it all

- ✓ All spiritual experiences must be **interpreted** by some tradition or teaching.
- ✓ Pentecost was the **beginning** of New Covenant life. Acts 11:15
- ✓ **All** true believers are baptized in (indwelt by) the Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13
- ✓ The **variety** of manifestations of the Spirit should be respected as God’s plan. 1 Cor.12:4-6
- ✓ If the only sign following your faith is **love**, don’t feel cheated. Jn.13:35
- ✓ If you have had special spiritual experiences, use them to **build** the whole body.
- ✓ **Know yourself, accept yourself, get over yourself, and give yourself.**

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