

## ***When The Holy Spirit Comes On You***

Acts 1:4-8

It happened the day when for the first time Turkey produced a car. Since it was the first car to be produced in the history of the country, everyone, including the President and the governors, were greatly interested in the feat. Representatives of the people gathered together in front of the Capitol. The President of Turkey sat in the car as everyone looked on with great anticipation. After starting the engine and driving by the large crowd, the car suddenly stopped only 30 meters from the starting point. Everyone was in shock. The President was confused and people were beginning to have doubt because all that they knew was that the car stopped running. They all became nervous because the country depended heavily on the production of cars at that time. A technician went out to see what was wrong with the car. He checked everything and told the President. “We forgot to fill up the gas tank.” The car was started without fuel because they couldn’t keep their mind on the task before them. Everything was great except for forgetting to fill up the gas tank and they were so embarrassed.

Our lives are similar. We have knowledge, intelligence, and good surroundings. We also have desire. Many people who have everything are not happy because they miss one key thing. What is that one thing that they miss? It is the very the power of God. And this power of God can only be fulfilled by the descending Holy Spirit. Therefore, Jesus instructed us to be prepared for, “When the Holy Spirit comes on you.” This means that if we do not do things through the Holy Spirit, they will be difficult to accomplish or achieve. When the Holy Spirit comes on you, your faith will be true. When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you can understand God’s will. When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you can accomplish God’s wish. We have to look closely on how we will receive the Holy Spirit as described in verse 8. It begins with, ‘But.’ The following phrases can be substituted for ‘but’: ‘know this’ or ‘regardless’; but it must come from only the Holy Spirit. The power from the Holy Spirit is a motivating power and a driving influence. So receiving the Holy Spirit is not an option, but a requirement. There are three things that occur when the Holy Spirit comes on us.

First, we become people of Christ. I will tell you a short story. Long time ago, there was an old man who had a long beard. There was a little boy in town and whenever he saw the old man he was curious about one thing. One day a little boy asked the old man. “Sir, when you go to bed, is your beard inside or outside the blanket?” The old man couldn’t answer right away. The reason was because he never thought about it. The old man said, “Hi, sweetie, I am sorry. I never thought about it. I will tell you tomorrow.” And then he

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sent the boy on his way. The old man became worried about his beard that night. When he puts his long beard inside the blanket, he feels tight. When he puts his long beard outside the blanket, he feels strange. Even though he had his beard over 30 years, he never worried about his beard when he went to bed.

Isn't it similar with those who attend church? Even if we attend church, are you sure that the Holy Spirit is in your thoughts? We should look back on our faith to see whether we have received the Holy Spirit or not.

Charles Grandison Finney, often called 'America's foremost revivalist', had a great impact on the social history of the United States and said, "If Christians are not filled with the Holy Spirit, it is a sin as it is a sin that sinners do not repent their sin." If we do not receive the Holy Spirit, we cannot obey God, devote our lives to God and live God's Word. Therefore, we, Christians, should fully receive the Holy Spirit. Who does Satan fear the most? Satan is not afraid of a pastor or a church officer. Satan is afraid of those who are filled with the Holy Spirit, even a child. I hope you believe this; when the Holy Spirit comes on us, we become the people of Christ.

Second, when the Holy Spirit comes on us, we will receive power. When the Holy Spirit comes on us, most of the problems in our lives can be solved. When the Holy Spirit comes on us, guilty feelings, spiritual struggle, tension, doubt, and fear can change to true freedom, peace, rest, and conviction. The reason is because we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us. 'Power' means 'God's ability that creates heaven and earth' and 'God's power that gives out thunder and lightning.' 'Power' also means 'power to make a miracle and drive out the evil spirit.' If we receive this power of God, we can have all sorts of power which defeat sins, power over Satan, and this world. The power of the Holy Spirit causes our lives to change.

There is a young man named 'Alamira' who graduated from University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom went back to his native country, Israel. When Alamira went back to Israel, the nation was a desolate desert where no plants could survive. It was a terrible land which no longer had a river, so that they weren't able to farm. This young man prayed to God, 'God, use me for great things for this country.' One day when he prayed hard to God and he received the Holy Spirit and power from God. The power of the Holy Spirit came to him as a conviction for a vision of the future. He was sure that there was water somewhere in the wilderness. God gave him the conviction that he would find water among the desert everyday. So he started looking for a stream. Even though everyone was opposed to him, he never gave up believing in the power of God. After six months from when he first

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prayed to God, he finally found wet sand. He kneeled down right away and prayed to God with tears in his eyes. He dug the place deeply and then natural water gushed out of the underground. Later on, he found 15 more places like this in the desert. He constructed a ranch at that place and produced fruit and vegetable by cultivating the fields. Finally, this community became a collective farm called 'Kibbutz' of Israel. The desert had been changed to green land through the power of the Holy Spirit which came to one young man. I hope you believe that when the Holy Spirit comes on us, our Lord will be in us and the power will work through us.

Third, when the Holy Spirit comes on us, we will be His witnesses. We should look at today's scripture carefully. The power of the Holy Spirit that God gave us shows only when we live in this world as a witness of Jesus Christ. If we do not live as a witness of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit is not going to be shown to us. So that's why the disciples of Jesus began to tell the gospel to people after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. We should also tell gospel to the world. God gave us the Holy Spirit in order to do this.

Dwight Moody, an American evangelist who founded the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, asked to his congregation how to remove the air inside a cup in his hand. One answered, "You can use an air pump to remove it." Moody said, "If you do that, the cup will be evacuated so it will get broken." Many couldn't give the right answer to him so, with a smile on his face, Moody poured water in the cup to the brim. "See, there is no air in the cup." Moody said, "It is impossible to remove our sins by ourselves. There is only one way to remove our sins and that is by filling up our lives with the Holy Spirit and we can win in Jesus."

Donald Barnhouse, a theologian and the founder of the evangelical foundation, said that there are many 'Christians with autism' in this era. Autism is diagnosed using specific criteria for impairments to social interaction, communication, interests, imagination and activities. Dr. Barnhouse said, "Modern Christians listen to the Word of God. They respond at what they understand from the sermon. However, they didn't communicate to others. They didn't show us any witnesses of their great experience from God. How sad and heartbreaking is it to the parents who have children with autism? Exactly like this, God who has Christians with autism is very sad and heartbreaking."

That's why we have to receive the Holy Spirit. It is not important of how much we know about the Bible. It is not important how long we have attended church. It is not important which position we hold in the church. The important thing is that whether or not we're born

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again through the Holy Spirit.

Today is a day of Pentecost. I hope you all long for the Holy Spirit like the 120 members who gathered together in the upper room on the day of Pentecost almost 2,000 years ago. I hope you all become a genuine Christian receiving the Holy Spirit that God promised to us. I pray that you all are a blessed Christian after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit by witnessing the gospel to the ends of the earth.