

# The Necessity of Ongoing Pentecosts

My prayer is that this message will cause you to press into all that God has for you.

\* Those passages marked with an asterisk are located at the end of the booklet.

## The Background to Pentecost in Acts 2

The word means 50 in the Greek language. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover. The actual day of Pentecost in 2006 is June 2, but the church celebrates it on June 4. The Old Testament doesn't refer to it as Pentecost, but as the "Feast of Weeks." "Weeks" referring to the seven weeks of grain harvest. Deut.16.9-12 says:

*Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. 10 Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the LORD your God has given you. 11 And rejoice before the LORD your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you.*

It was one of the three main festivals: Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks, and Feast of Tabernacles. It was a harvest time celebration. They were thanking God for the first fruits. They were to return a portion back to the Lord. It was their way of thanking God for providing enough grain for the coming year. This was a joyful occasion. This was also the occasion in which they celebrated the giving of the Torah to Moses.

## The Day of Pentecost in the Book of Acts

Sidenote: Jewish holy days that God established are important, not only because of their historical significance to Israel, but they may be indicators of God's activity in the present. For instance, Jesus was crucified at Passover time. He became the sacrificial Lamb who would cover us with his blood, so that God would passover our sins. The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost and thousands are saved. They represent the first fruits offering of a greater harvest to come. Also, the Law was given at Pentecost under the old covenant and the Spirit is given at Pentecost under the new covenant. It's important we watch God's time table.

- Acts 1.4–5 says: *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."* Emphasis is on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' followers already had the Holy Spirit (John 20.22), but now they were promised another dimension of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 1.8 – Jesus then defines the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* The baptism of the Holy Spirit is power to be witnesses for Jesus.
- Acts 1.14 – For the 10 days prior to Pentecost, they prayed together.
- Acts 2.1–4 reads, *"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."* The Holy Spirit gave them a foreign language

so they could speak in the languages of all those gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks.

- Acts 2.5–11 specifies exactly what languages they were speaking and the people’s response. Acts 1.8 is being accomplished in a proto-type fashion. They were declaring God’s activity with power to people from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. It was more than an enthusiastic testimony. The hand of God was upon them.
- Acts 2.14–39 records Peter’s first message. It is message empowered by the Spirit. **THIS IS IMPORTANT: The disciples already had the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20.22) Peter already had the Holy Spirit, but now he has the Acts 1.8 power of the Holy Spirit. The crowds not only listens, but they are under deep conviction and thousands respond in faith.**
- Acts 2.42–47 summarizes the response of the early Christians. Now consider, these are the same people who days earlier were praying for protection, cowering in fear, not wanting to show their faces in the light of day and were afraid the authorities would find them. There is a huge transformation **IN 24 HOURS** – boldness (they aren’t hiding any longer), power (boldly declaring), great love for each other & people want to follow Jesus. **WHAT HAPPENED? THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME DOWN IN POWER!!!**

Jesus tells them they are going to be immersed in the Holy Spirit in Acts 1.4 and then he tells them what that means in Acts 1.8. It is critical that we see this is the last thing Jesus ever said to his followers. It’s not the Great Commission of Matt.28.19–20, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have

commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

Baptist have typically emphasized the Great Commission as Jesus’ last statement. But, if we spread the gospel without the power of the Holy Spirit, we have a proposition only faith (that is, a faith based upon stated beliefs). Proposition is critical but you must have proposition with power...the Word and the Spirit.

If the disciples had gone out and spread the gospel without the power of the Holy Spirit, they would have caved in to persecution and discouragement. They received the power of the Holy Spirit to validate the message of Jesus. **Without the power of the Holy Spirit, the gospel message and Christian life are only superior to other faiths by degrees, but with the power of the Holy Spirit they stand in a league all to themselves.**

Christian spokesman, Lou Engle, writes: “A leader in the body of Christ was watching an Islamic TV program in the Middle East, in which the Muslim cleric was describing the worldwide missionary expansion of Islam. Suddenly the cleric despaired saying, ‘But we have lost Africa! The Christians are healing the sick, raising the dead, and multiplying bread. We can’t compete with this.’ ”

**NO RELIGION CAN COMPETE WITH HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED CHRISTIANITY!**

### **The Confusion Around The Baptism of the Holy Spirit & Speaking in Tongues**

I do not believe you can equate the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Acts 2.4, 11 indicates they were filled with the Holy Spirit and they declared the works of God to others in unfamiliar foreign languages.

Considering Paul's conversion experience (Acts 9.17–18, 20, 22), he was filled with the Holy Spirit, healed, and then shortly thereafter began boldly proclaiming that Jesus was the Son of God.

There are a few things to consider. First, in both cases it's called the "filling" of the Holy Spirit (2.4, 9.17). This should instruct us in our own use of the terminology.

Second, they did not **share** the same initial manifestation of the Holy Spirit, but they did **share** the same power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus! Speaking in tongues (foreign languages) was necessary in Acts 2 because the crowd gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks were from all over the world. The same wasn't necessary in Acts 9 because they all spoke the same language.

What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

I believe we are all sealed with Spirit (Eph.1.13–14\*) and baptized by the Spirit (1 Cor.12.13\*) but I also believe that 1 Cor.12.13 is NOT synonymous with Acts 1.8.

Yes, we received the Holy Spirit at conversion, but there is still more of the Holy Spirit that is available to the believer. The regenerating, uniting and sealing work of the Holy Spirit of 1 Cor.12 and Eph. 1 is not the same as the empowering work of Acts 1!

People often equate the baptism of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit isn't "Have you spoken in tongues like Acts 2.4?" but rather "Have you received power to be Jesus witnesses like Acts 1.8?" It's not, "Did you get the Holy Spirit the way they did in Acts 2?" but "Are you operating in the same power they had?"

I absolutely believe in the gift of tongues (foreign language & private prayer language), but it's not the gift of tongues in Acts 2 that's critical,

but it's what that gift did , which was to allow others to hear the gospel *with Holy Spirit power* in their own language.

Here's my point: personal Pentecosts mean you have demonstrable expressions of God's power in your life. You don't necessarily have the same manifestations as others. The gift of tongues is a tool, but it's not the power. The power isn't contained in the gift of tongues, but rather the power is contained in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Listen, call it the baptism of the Holy Spirit, filling of the Holy Spirit, the second blessing, the fullness of the Holy Spirit...I don't care, just get it! Let's not get hung up on what it is or isn't, but be filled up with the power of the Holy Ghost!

### Consider These Characteristics of the Early Church

- Acts 1.8 – greater power and being a witness to everyone
  - The practical outworking of the Holy Spirit empowered life are contained in the summary statements of Acts 2.42–47\*, 4.32–35\*, 5.12–16\*, 8.4–8\*, & Mk.16.17–18\*. I know people say the Mark passage wasn't in the original manuscript, but it was quite clearly lived out in the original church!
  - The modern Pentecostal movement is also a clear fulfillment of this passage. Pentecostalism (not a denomination) is the largest segment of the Protestant Christian population. The 1906 Azusa Street Revival led to a massive mobilization of believers to the mission field. How do I know the modern Pentecostal movement was of God? Look at the fruit of worldwide church planting and evangelization.
  - Here's something important: Being a Holy Spirit empowered witness will look different for each person. Many (and it's usually the loudest and most zealous) say the fullness of the Holy Spirit always looks a particular way (usually like the way they have it), but that wouldn't be like God. He created diversity and demonstrates His activity in us diversely. For

instance, in your evangelism approach some of you are like Peter (confrontive), or Dorcas (good deeds), or Andrew (bringing), or Apollos (reason). The key isn't to try to be like anyone, or to make others be like you, but rather to let the free flowing work of the Holy Spirit pour through your God created personality in the way that would honor him the most.

- Boldness for the cause of Christ – Acts 4.31\*. They had zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom. They didn't shrink back or hide their faith. They were no longer cowering in fear, but walking in confidence.
- Greater love for each other – As you consider the summary statements of Acts 2, 4, & 5 it was obvious they loved each other deeply. Walking in Pentecostal power means we're living in 1 Cor.13.4–7\* love.
- Holy lifestyle – They were set apart. They were different than others. They related to each other differently and they sought God differently. They were living victoriously even during persecution. They had more than religion. They had a relationship.

The early church didn't worry about defining the fullness of the Spirit. They just knew what it was when it showed up. It was obvious when the Lord's power was being displayed through them – salvations, healings, deliverances, endurance during persecution, greater love, sacrifice, servanthood, and much more was happening.

**Pentecost in My Life Will Be Demonstrated by:**

- Power for ministry & life.
- Boldness for Christ.
- Greater love for others.
- Holy lifestyle.

It's not necessarily the big God encounter like Acts 2 that I want, but it's the outcome I'm most interested in. The encounter can be important and I'd really like to have a few! But, let's not worry about the outward demonstrations of the Spirit's activity (crying, shaking, speaking in tongues, falling, laughing, feeling fire, wind, or oil) but upon the Acts 1.8 criteria.

My attention isn't on the encounter, but upon the power of God being experienced in my life in a deeper and more profound way. God wants His church to look different from the world...more than moral but miraculous too. It will also be witnessed in the way we relate to each other and in the way He demonstrates himself through us in power and boldness.

This is it in a nutshell: Look at the Book of Acts and ask yourself do you see Holy Spirit power being exhibited in your life and in your church the way he exhibited himself in Acts. I realize the Holy Spirit works in different ways in different seasons and what he did in one place he might do differently in another. We can't fixate on the outer activity of the Holy Spirit, but we can't let go of Acts 1.8, "you shall receive power!!!"

### **The Holy Spirit In the Ministry of Jesus & the Early Church**

- Jesus had the Holy Spirit. He was conceived by the Spirit (Matt.1.20), but he wasn't walking, as a child or young adult, under the same anointing of the Holy Spirit that he would have during His ministry.
- He was empowered by the Holy Spirit at his baptism (Matt.3.16-17). This empowerment didn't exist prior to this event (Acts 10.37-38). The empowering allowed him to do great signs & wonders...to preach the gospel with authority...to discern thoughts...and to have incredible endurance.

- The disciples also had the Holy Spirit prior to the day of Pentecost. After the resurrection, Jesus met with his disciples and “breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20.22)
- The power of the Holy Spirit was not evident until after he came in Acts 2. These cowering, fearful people are suddenly transformed into bold, power filled followers of Christ.
- Every believer has the Holy Spirit, but not every believer is operating in Acts 1.8 power.

### **Walking In The Power of the Holy Spirit**

After the fullness of the Holy Spirit came upon Peter’s life and he preached his convicting message, the crowd responded, “What are we supposed to do?”

Peter responds, “Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of the Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Within Peter’s response, are several keys to walking in the power of the Holy Spirit. He calls them to set themselves apart, to be obedient and he assures them that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

The following points mostly from Peter’s message outline what is necessary to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

- A holy lifestyle – “Repent”
  - A true changing of your mind about sin and Jesus. You not only confess your sin, but you turn from it. Confession and repentance are not the same. One says, “Forgive me. I did wrong” and the other says, “I’m not walking the wrong way any longer.”

- You see yourself as truly set apart for God. It's a genuine desire to be consecrated to the Lord. It's a willingness to be clay in his hands.
- Sin still tugs at you, but you have a stronger desire to live a righteous life. When you do sin, you quickly return to the Lord. You begin having victory over sinful patterns. What used to devastate your walk with God no longer has the same incapacitating power.
- You not only believe Jesus loves you but your life is absorbed in him. You want more of him in your life and less of yourself.
- Holiness means both "purity" and "set apart". I was raised on holiness preaching that dealt with the purity dimension. We were taught to primarily focus on getting rid of sin...stopping the bad stuff...and feeling bad about committing the "bad stuff."
- I make a distinction between the two definitions of holiness. One is called "Happy holiness" and the other is "Cranky holiness." Cranky holiness zeroes in on removing sin and dealing with the darkness. To be sure, the Bible addresses these matters, but it also emphasizes being filled with light.
- This filling with Light is what I call "Happy holiness." Happy holiness concentrates on letting Jesus consume more of your life with him and thus letting his presence dispel the darkness. It's the John 3.30 directive, "He must increase and I must decrease."
- Genuine holiness isn't focused primarily on getting rid of the darkness, but rather being filled with the light. It's being genuinely fascinated with the Light, not just infatuated with it. Legal holiness concentrates on getting rid of the darkness by rules, whereas liberating holiness concentrates on being filled with Light.
- Seeking God and His kingdom first are also markers of a holy lifestyle. The things of this life don't hold the same persuasion as the things of God.

- Yielding to the Spirit – “Be baptized.”
  - This is the obedient dimension. Peter told the people in Acts 2.38 to repent and be baptized. This was necessary for the release of the Holy Spirit.
    - Baptism is an important act of obedience. You are placing yourself in the position of blessing by being water baptized.
    - Other places of obedience: Giving, forgiveness, letting go of past hurts, serving and selflessness.
  - This involves the Lordship of Jesus in your life. You submit everything to him and his agenda. You understand your role as a steward/servant and not an owner. You don’t decide the terms of the relationship, but rather you let him decide how you are to live.
  - You are constantly listening for the Father’s voice...not wanting to move away from His will for your life...you want to be obedient to His word.
  - In Acts 1, Jesus told them to stay in Jerusalem until they received “the gift my Father promised.” He didn’t tell them how long to wait or what to expect. The believers followed Jesus’ instructions and earnestly sought Him together in prayer. They knew there was more. They didn’t have all God wanted, so they pressed into God. They were setting themselves apart (holiness) & following Jesus’ directives (obedience).
  - I’m making this up, but it may not be far from the truth. It’s Day 1 of the prayer meeting and everyone’s excited and anticipating great things. There’s power in the prayer meeting. Now, it’s Day 8...there’s little excitement...there’s probably some questioning of the future and their purpose together...there’s no real anointing on the meeting...they’re probably on each other’s nerves. But, THEY’RE OBEDIENT! My point is they had not been obedient to meet together then they would have missed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- Asking for the fullness of the Holy Spirit (inherent in the Acts 2 narrative is the fact that the disciples had been asking for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise in Acts 1.4–5, 8)
  - Luke 11.9–13 says, ***“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for<sup>a</sup> a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”***
  - Matt.5.6 says, ***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they will be filled.”***
  - God will pour out His Spirit on those who are thirsty and want more of the Spirit. Isaiah 44.3–5 says, ***“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; still another will write on his hand, 'The LORD's,' and will take the name Israel.”***
  - Seeking the fullness of the Holy Spirit can't be a casual pursuit or a Sunday worship experience endeavor. It must be something that we recognize as a great need and pursue with much diligence.
  - The fullness of the Holy Spirit isn't given to the halfhearted Christian, but only to those who ask, seek and knock with a persistent spirit. The 120 received the empowerment of the Holy Spirit after they sought “the promise of the Father.”
  - As long as you are content to get along without the fullness of the Holy Spirit, you will.

- Faith – “And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off.”
  - Peter made it clear that the empowering work of the Holy Spirit was God’s will for everyone.
  - Mark 11.24 says, *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*
  - 1 John 5.14–15 says, *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”*
  - It is God’s will that we walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2.39). It isn’t just for a few but for all.
  - Once you ask for the fullness of God’s Spirit receive it in faith. Don’t worry about how you feel, trust God’s word. You are asking for something that is God’s will and if you are walking in obedience, submitting yourself to God’s will, diligently seeking the Lord then the promise of the Spirit’s fullness is yours!
  - Just like salvation, you trust God’s promises not your feelings.
  - There may be some manifestations of the Spirit (joy, wind, light headed, fire, honey or oil poured on your head, falling down, healing, etc.), or there may be nothing. These manifestations or non-manifestations are not the things to focus on but rather the reality that God will keep His word.
  - If you have submitted yourself completely to the Lordship of Jesus and have repented of every known sin, the fullness of the Holy Spirit is for you. Ask for his fullness and receive it in faith.
  - Here’s a prayer that might be helpful:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I thank you and praise you for your great love for me. I thank you that when you ascended to heaven you did not leave us as orphans, but sent the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us.

Father, you promised that you would give us more of the Holy Spirit if we asked. I want more of the Holy Spirit in my life. I want to be your witness in the world.

I turn from every known sin in my life. I submit my will to your will. I choose to follow you with complete devotion.

I now ask for the Holy Spirit's fullness in my life. Take absolute control of me and use me as a tool to extend your Kingdom around the world. Fill me with your life and let my life reflect the character and ministry of Jesus.

Thank you Lord. I receive the Holy Spirit's fullness in faith. Make yourself manifest in me – for your glory and praise.

It says that after Saul was filled with the Spirit he began proclaiming the gospel (Acts 9.18–22). Luke records, "Saul grew more and more powerful." I believe that means the Holy Spirit's power intensified in his life. In other words, the fullness of the Holy Spirit grew after the initial impartation.

For us, we should expect to see the activity of God increase in our lives. It may not begin with a mighty flood, but over time we will see more of the Spirit's presence working in and through us.

### **Indicators You Are Walking In the Fullness of the Holy Spirit**

Based upon the summary statements of Acts 2.42–47, 4.32–35, 5.12–16 and 8.4–8, the Holy Spirit manifested Himself among the early believers through these means:

- Deeper love for God & the things of God. You hunger after spiritual truth. Study, prayer, worship, and serving others are disciplines you not only do but enjoy. Your thoughts are on the Lord and how to please him. The Christian experience isn't drudgery, but joy. You are more sensitive to the activity of God both in and around you. There is a deeper hunger for spiritual development and intimacy with God.
- Power for ministry & life. You and others see tangible evidences of God's activity in and through your life. God is using you to facilitate change in others. Healings & miracles, salvations & deliverances are a part of your walk with God. The gifts and fruit of the Spirit are evident. There are clear signs of God's activity in your life. There is an expectation in your spirit that God will do something great. You have great faith in God's ability to do the impossible. Challenges and obstacles don't discourage or impede your love for God.

The power of the Holy Spirit may not always be outwardly miraculous, but instead be great strength and endurance to walk through a difficult season. Alongside this, God may not change a challenging circumstance, but through the Spirit's indwelling He changes the way you deal with it. I believe that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Stephen to speak in boldness before a mob (Acts 7) was the same Holy Spirit that empowered him to die at their hands. The Spirit filled life isn't always on the mountain top, but often times it's found in the valley.

- Boldness for Christ. You openly declare the praises of God and you seek opportunities to share His love with others. You don't hide your faith. You will take an unpopular stand despite the outcome. There is complete confidence in God. The anger of others doesn't dissuade you.

Remember prior to Pentecost, these people were extremely fearful and intimidated. They weren't living the victorious Christian life, but the very opposite. When the Holy Spirit came in power, they weren't shy or afraid of their faith. The Holy Spirit changed their perspective and attitude.

- Greater love for others. You enjoy fellowshiping with other believers. You freely give. You are living out the attributes of love in 1 Cor.13 – patience, kind, doesn't envy, isn't proud, not rude, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, trusts, protects, hopes and perseveres. Christian unity is an important value. You don't let broken relationships fester, but rather work aggressively to have them restored. You are living out the "one another's"\* of Scripture.
- Holy lifestyle. You deal harshly with sin and will not accept compromise. You want your life to be a reflection of Jesus. You are both avoiding sin and pursuing righteousness. You use your resources, spiritual gifts and talents in an honorable way. You are following the teachings of Scripture and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. You see victory over issues of the heart that used to defeat and drain you.

### **Special Considerations**

1. This isn't a one time event, but an ongoing need. In other words, you don't say "Amen" after this prayer, because it's never ending. There is the need for multiple re-fillings of the Spirit. Eph.5.18 says in the Greek language, "Be being (continuous) filled with the Holy Spirit." The fullness of the Spirit isn't a constant state. If you look at it like a battery charge, sin and the issues of life reduce the charge. Plugging ourselves into the God keeps us filled up. The fullness of the Spirit is a matter of continual monitoring.

2. Consider your motives. No one knows their heart completely. Our motives are normally mixed. We want the fullness of the Holy Spirit, so the name of Jesus will be glorified and the Kingdom of God extended. Yet, within most of us, there is also this desire to be first. We want people to notice and to see how God is really using us. Or, we want people to see how different we are from them. Either way, it's nothing but pride and an almost full proof certainty that you aren't walking in the Spirit's power. Our ultimate desire to walk in the fullness of the Spirit is so that God will be most glorified and we can bust out of a nominal Christian experience.
3. The outworking of the Spirit's fullness in our lives will not look the same for everyone. There are some clear indicators in Scripture, but God loves diversity. He created both the Redwoods and the Orange tree. They are vastly different, but each glorifies him in the way he designed them.

Paul says there is a different glory for each part of creation (1 Cor.15.41). I believe we display God's glory the greatest by living the Spirit empowered life, but each person's glory will be different. You can water and fertilize an Orange tree to death and it will not become a Redwood. Declare it. Shout it. Prophecy it. It doesn't matter. You aren't going to change how God created it nor the way he wants to display his glory through it.

We can't get caught up in the comparison game or try to imitate how he manifests himself in others. Unfortunately, Christian leaders, especially those with national ministries, can unintentionally mislead people into believing the fullness of the Holy Spirit has certain outward manifestations. People unwittingly assume that until these characteristics (i.e., speaking in tongues, extroverted behavior, powerful experiences, complete healing, and continual victory) occur they don't have the fullness of the Spirit.

Understand that God wants to remove the sinful dimensions of our personality, but he's not in the business of changing it completely. Like the analogy of the body in 1 Cor.12, he wants to heal and restore the body part, but not turn it into something it isn't.

4. When is it time to receive more of the Spirit's fullness? Everyday! Is there anyone who can honestly say they don't need more of the Holy Spirit? You can never get enough of Him and He can never have enough of you. We are continually yielding more to him and we are continually asking for more of him.

### Scripture References

*Eph. 1.13–14: Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession*

*1 Cor.12.13: For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

*Acts 2.42–47: 42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

*4.32–35: 32All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. 33With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and much grace was upon them all.*

*34There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.*

*5.12–16: 12The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. 15As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. 16Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil<sup>[a]</sup> spirits, and all of them were healed.*

*8.4–8: 4Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ<sup>[a]</sup> there. 6When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7With shrieks, evil<sup>[b]</sup> spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. 8So there was great joy in that city.*

*Mark 16.17–18: 17And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

*Acts 4.31: 31After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

*1 Cor.13.4–7: 4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily*

*angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

### The “One Another’s”

- Be devoted to **one another** in brotherly love – Rom.12.10
- Honor **one another** above yourselves – Rom.12.10
- Live in harmony with **one another** – Rom.12.16
- Therefore let us stop passing judgment on **one another**. – Rom.14.13
- Accept **one another**, then, just as Christ accepted you. – Rom.15.7
- Serve **one another** in love. – Gal.5.13
- Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with **one another** in love. – Eph.4.2
- Be kind and compassionate to **one another**. – Eph.4.32
- Speak to **one another** with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. – Eph.5.19
- Submit to **one another** out of reverence for Christ. – Eph.5.21
- Bear with **each other** and forgive whatever grievances you may have against **one another**. – Col.3.13
- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish **one another** with all wisdom. – Col.3.16
- Therefore encourage **one another** and build each other up. – 1 Thes.5.11, Heb.3.13
- Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage **one another** – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Heb.10.25
- Brothers, do not slander **one another**. – (James 4.11)
- Live in harmony with **one another**. – (1 Pet.3.8)
- Offer hospitality to **one another** without grumbling. – (1 Pet.4.9)
- All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward **one another**. – (1 Pet.5.5)
- Dear friends, let us love **one another**, for love comes from God. – (1 John 4.7, 3.11, 3.23, 4.11–12, 2 John 5)

