

## PENTECOST POWER

God wants to activate the dynamic power of His Holy Spirit within us.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on 120 of Jesus' followers in Jerusalem almost 2,000 years ago. This was a phenomenal day that continues to impact lives around the world.
- ❖ Three of the New Testament gospels—Mark, Matthew and Luke—were written (in that order) with a focus on the timeline and main events of Jesus' life.
- ❖ The Gospel of John, however, which was written about 25-30 years after the previous Gospels, had a very different focus. John's purpose was to have people consider the "signs" Jesus provided to validate His claim to divinity, which should cause people everywhere to believe in Him (John 20:30-31).
- ❖ In John 3:5, for example, he spoke of the fact that believers in Jesus must be "born again" of water and Spirit. These are crucial elements of our conversion experience. As we *begin* our walk with Christ, we are baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ In John 7:37-39, Jesus used symbolic analogy to speak about people receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would be available to them after He was glorified. This act of glorification took place after His crucifixion when He was raised from death by the power of God!
- ❖ And on the same day of His resurrection, He met with His disciples, breathed on them, and imparted the Holy Spirit to them (John 20:19-22).
- ❖ From that moment on, the indwelling and infilling of the Holy Spirit became a reality for His disciples—and became available to anyone who would believe in Him.
- ❖ But, as we know, receiving new spiritual life through the infilling of the Holy Spirit isn't the end of the story. The Lord is not just interested in giving us His Spirit for our own personal salvation and blessing; He wants us to move beyond simply receiving His Spirit to living in the *power* of the Holy Spirit!
- ❖ Many have referred to the fact that the word translated "power" in Acts 1:8 is the same Greek root of our modern English word "dynamite."
- ❖ As Jesus was preparing to return to Heaven, He told His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the dynamite power of the Holy Spirit to fill them and enable them to fulfill the mission He had given them in Mark 16:15.
- ❖ He knew this was only possible as He empowered them *by and through* the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Jesus Himself had had a similar experience at the Jordan River. As He was praying after His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and sat on Him. This was a divine sign to John that he had now met the One who would soon baptize believers in the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-34).

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** John 7:37-39, 20:19-22;  
 Luke 4:14-21; Acts 4:24-31; Romans 12:6-8;  
 Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-12; Acts 2:14-21; Acts 2:11

- ❖ We know that Jesus was conceived and given life through the Holy Spirit that lived inside Him, but even in His case, there was a special anointing and empowering of the Spirit given to Him so that He could fulfill His Messianic calling.
- ❖ Jesus acknowledged this, and His words in Luke 4:14.21 were the words of a man who had now stepped into a new dimension of power and anointing.
- ❖ This is precisely what He desires for all of His followers—that we would live continually in the *power* of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ It is hard for us to understand the shock and perplexity of the people of Jerusalem as they heard approximately 120 apostles and disciples speaking fluently in languages they had never learned. God didn't wait for the Word to be preached to confirm it with signs following; He *preceded* the Word with a miraculous outpouring of His Spirit!
- ❖ God has not changed, and He desires to save multiplied thousands of people right here in the City of Toronto.
- ❖ We need the 'right now' anointing and empowering of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His will in our city. So, as a church, let's put the prayer the apostles voiced in Acts 4:24-31 into our mouths and shake this city!
- ❖ We need to celebrate and use every gift God has given us for the benefit of the body of Christ—the Church—and the world around us.
- ❖ Let us join in prayer that the Lord will help us open ourselves up to receive Pentecost Power, to receive any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit He chooses to bestow upon us, and then to go forward in the power of His Spirit to change our world and to turn hearts to Christ.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. To paraphrase Paul: "We have gifts, and we ought to use them" (Rom. 12:6). As found in Rom. 6:6-8, Eph. 4:7 & 11-12, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 & 14:1-5, do you have a spiritual gift that God has imparted to you? What is it and how has it been active in your life? If you feel you do not have a gift, what would you like to have and why?
2. Pray that God may (re)activate spiritual gifts in your life.

### PRAYER TIME







Revive me, Lord, and help me to live in the dynamic power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Start-up: Which types of people do you consider to be powerful? What, in your opinion, gives them this power (i.e., position, age, etc.)?

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

-  (Reminds me/Confirms)
  (New idea)
  (Think about)
-  (Do this)
  (Speaks to my heart)
  (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
 CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
 WORD

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **FATHER'S DAY VIDEO**

Record a video to let the father in your life know how much you appreciate him via a video. The final recording session will take place after service on June 5<sup>th</sup> in the prayer room.

Contact: Rev. Chris Simpson

#### **JUNE FASTING**

Every Friday during the month of June from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Beginning in June, there will be in-person class every Sunday *with the exception of 5th Sundays*.

We look forward to continuing to discover what the Word of God says and means.

Contact: Rev. Chris Simpson

#### **ALL-NIGHT PRAYER**

There will be all-night prayer on the second Friday of every month. The next date is June 10, 2022 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Contact: Pastor A. Peel

#### **LADIES MINISTRY 'PLANT NIGHT'**

Date: Friday, June 24th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

Cost: \$15 (to cover materials)

An amazing night of fun, fellowship and (literal) growth!

Contact: Sis. Fredericka Rainford

### **FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**  
**(Rebroadcast @ 3:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and**  
**Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)**

**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)**

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

JUNE 5, 2022

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*"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."*

*Romans 12:6-8 NKJV*

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