

Fresh Fire: Encountering the Holy Spirit

Sessions are from 7pm-9pm

Flow of Sessions:

- Worship songs
- Message
- Guided Prayer
- Individual Prayer Ministry

1st Session: “More of the Holy Spirit”

Come, Holy Spirit!

During this Mission I want to encourage you to constantly be praying

Come, Holy Spirit!

Pope JP II was once asked by a reporter, “Holy Father, when you pray, what do you ask of God?” He replied, “More of the Holy Spirit.”

Pope Francis in his exhortation “Rejoice and be Glad,” presents the call to holiness.

Num 11:44 “I the Lord am holy, therefore, be holy.”

To be holy is to re-present Jesus to others.

Gal 2:20 “I no longer, I, lives, but Christ Jesus lives in me.”

We are called to look like Jesus, walk like Jesus, talk like Jesus, think like Jesus, desire what Jesus desires, love like Jesus loves, and forgive like Jesus forgives.

We are called be like Jesus so that when the world see us they see Jesus.

We are called to re-present Jesus to others.

We are called to be holy.

“I can’t do this. I need to try harder.” This is what most of us think when we hear this.

Christianity is not the “Try Harder Religion.”

To do this, we need more of the Holy Spirit to be more like Jesus.

Jesus promised that he would ask the Father that we might have the Holy Spirit as our Helper.

Jn 14:16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another parakletos (helper) to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.”

“Holy Father, when you pray, what do you ask of God?”

“More of the Holy Spirit”

We need more of the Holy Spirit.

We can’t be like Jesus.

We can’t re-present him to the world.

We can't be holy.

We need help. We need a Helper.
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C – I will let him.

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We need to acknowledge that we are too weak.
We need to acknowledge that he is the Sanctifier.
We need to let him do his job.

We need more of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will make us like Jesus.
He is the Holy-Maker.

Do you need to be more patient?

Then surrender to the Holy Spirit.

Say, "Holy Spirit, I am impatient. You are patient. I surrender to you to make me patient. It is your job and I will let you do it."

Do you need help in your marriage, then turn to the Helper.

"Holy Spirit, we need help in our marriage. We can't love each other as we should. I give you our marriage. Do what you need to do."

Do you need help with your finances?

What you need is more of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Do you need help forgiving?

What you need is more of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Do you need to be more creative in your work?

What you need is more of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Story of the creator of the most used algorithm.

Do you need healing?

What you need is more of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit!

“Holy Father, when you pray, what do you ask of God?”

“More of the Holy Spirit”

We need more of the Holy Spirit.

Tomorrow, we will learn how to receive the grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a life lived immersed in the Holy Spirit.

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As you go home tonight I want to invite you to constantly be praying,

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When you wake up, pray

Come, Holy Spirit!

As you are about your day, tomorrow, pray

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit!

2nd Session: The Grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

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We have all received the Holy Spirit in our Baptism.

In baptism:

- Our sins were washed away.
- We were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ac 2:38, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit lives in us.

He is our Constant, Abiding, Companion.

Jesus promised us

Jn 14:16 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another parakletos (helper) to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth."

To be with you always.

Your Helper, the one you need, is always, forever with you.

You are never alone.

You are never without him.

Come, Holy Spirit!

We are Temples, tabernacles, of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 3:16, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you."

Since the day of your baptism, someone has been living in you.

St Augustine says that the Holy Spirit is closer to us than our own breath.

Breath in. Feel your breath. It is part of you.

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BUT, do you live a life in the Holy Spirit?

It is one thing to have the Holy Spirit in you.

It is another thing for you to be in the Holy Spirit.

When did the Apostles receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Jn 20:19-22

Resurrection Evening.

Most people say Pentecost which was 50 days after the resurrection.

The Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit on the evening of the day Jesus rose from the dead, Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Evening is when the Holy Spirit came into the Apostles.

It was a work of grace.

Your baptism is when the Holy Spirit came into you.

Jesus spoke of another coming of the Holy Spirit.

This next coming of the Holy Spirit is not so that he comes into us, it is so that he goes out from us.

Lk 24:45-49

"clothed with power."

Power- dynamite

We are called to have the dynamite power of Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Why do we need the power, dynamite of the Holy Spirit?

Ac 1:4-5

Ac 1:8

To be his witness.

We are called to take Jesus, re-present Jesus, to the world.

We are called to do as Jesus did.

Jn 14:12 we are called to do greater works than Jesus.

What did he do? What did the apostles do?

Mt 10:5-8

“The Kingdom of God is at hand.”

The rule, the kingdom of the enemy through

Sin

Sorrow

and suffering is over.

The Kingdom of God

Grace

Comfort

and Healing is at hand.

We need to

Proclamation,

the Kingdom, God’s rule, is now at hand.

You do not need to live under

Sin

Sorrow

and suffering

You can live under

Grace

Comfort

and Healing is at hand.

We need

Proclamation

and

Demonstration of the Kingdom.

Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, cast out the demon, raise the dead.

The Holy spirit is on us through baptism, but he wants to get out of us to bring the Kingdom to others.

Jesus said in Ac 1:5

“John baptized with water, but in few days you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.”

What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Ac 2:1-4

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is when the apostles came into the life of the Holy Spirit, they were clothed with power, dynamite, to be his witness to the world through proclamation and demonstration.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the experience of Pentecost.

Have you received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
Do you live a life in the Holy Spirit?

Let me make another statement:

Christianity is about being out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Before Pentecost, the apostles were in control. They were huddled together in the upper room out of fear of the Jews.

The Holy Spirit was in the them, but they were not in the Holy Spirit.

They were in control.

The Kingdom of God was in them, but they were not taking the Kingdom to the world.

After Pentecost, they were in the Holy Spirit.

Now, they were out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.

They were baptized, immersed, dripping in the Holy Spirit.

Thus, Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Now, they had power.

The power of

Proclamation of the Kingdom

And

Demonstration of the Kingdom

After Pentecost, after the baptism of the Holy Spirit,

The Holy Spirit was not only in them, they were now in the Holy Spirit.

After Pentecost, after the baptism of the Holy Spirit,

they were out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Christianity is about being out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Story of Fargo girl being healed of scoliosis.

Tomorrow, we will pray for the grace of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, so we can come under the control of the Holy Spirit.

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Come, Holy Spirit!

When you wake up, pray

Come, Holy Spirit!

As you are about your day, tomorrow, pray

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit!

But, first, we need to surrender our control to the Lordship of Jesus.

Prayer to Surrender to the Lordship of Jesus:

3rd Session: Out of Control, but Under the Control of the Holy Spirit

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What have we learned so far:

“Holy Father, when you pray, what do you ask of God?”

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The Holy Spirit is our Helper for everything we need.

We need more of the Holy Spirit.

We received the Holy Spirit in our baptism, but are we living a life in the Holy Spirit?

We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we need power from on high so that we can continue the work of Jesus of

Proclamation

and

Demonstration of the Kingdom

We need power for the message and the ministry that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

We saw that the kingdom of the enemy is

It was at Pentecost that the apostle were clothed with power from on high and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

We need our own personal Pentecost, the grace of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is in us, but we need to be in the Holy Spirit.

Baptism means immersion.

We need to be dripping with the Holy Spirit.

We also saw that
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Sin
Sorrow
and suffering.
The Kingdom of God
Grace
Comfort
and Healing

We need to
Proclamation,
the Kingdom, God's rule, is now at hand.
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Let's examine what it looks like when the Holy Spirit comes:

Ac 2:1-5; 12-13

1) Looks like being out of control. They were accused of being drunk.

The first meeting of the Church looked like a bunch of drunk people, people out of control.

Remember, Christianity is about being out of control, but under the control of the Holy Spirit.

2) The Holy Spirit comes again

Ac 10:44:48

Began to speak in tongues

What is the gift of tongues?

If anything looks like being out of control, it is the gift of tongues.

If anything is under the control of the Holy Spirit, it is the gift of tongues.

Notice in the story of Pentecost that it says that "they all began to speak in tongues."

We know from earlier in the story that our Lady, Mary, the Mother of God, was there on the day of Pentecost,

which means

that Mary, our Mother, has the gift of tongues.

Mt 7:7-11 says that the Father only gives good gifts.

Our Mother has the gift of tongues.

She wants us to have what she has.

She wants us to have tongues.
Our Heavenly Father wants us to have this good gift.

What is tongues?

He need help praying so Jesus has given us a prayer-Helper, the Holy Spirit.
Tongues is us letting control of praying
and allowing the Holy Spirit to even take away our language for us to be able to pray
while the Holy Spirit gives us a new language to pray.
Ro 8:26

Tongues is also called praying in the Spirit.

Why would we want the gift of tongues?
Is it that we are afraid of giving up control?
Come, Holy Spirit!

Imagine living your life totally under the control of the Holy Spirit.
What would that be like?
Gal 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Imagine a Church where all the believers were totally under the control of the Holy Spirit.
What would that be like?

Tongues is a door way of letting go to the Holy Spirit's control.
I think that is why whenever the Holy spirit comes in the Bible that people speak in tongues because he
needs them to let go of control and be under his control.

We need the sober intoxication of the Holy Spirit.
Remember, on the day of Pentecost, the people thought the apostles were drunk.
We need to be a Church which is drunk in the Spirit with a sober intoxication.

Come, Holy Spirit!