

DAY 26 – SPIRIT-EMPOWERED CHRISTIANS

“When the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

— **Acts 2:1-4**

What is the impact of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, according to Acts 2:1-4?

In this passage, we see how the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit, which empowers and equips them to preach the gospel with boldness and clarity. This experience marks the beginning of the early church and teaches us the importance and benefit of being filled with the Holy Spirit in our Christian life.

Chapter 2 begins with a description of the event known as Pentecost, which took place in Jerusalem after Jesus had ascended into heaven. In this historical context, the disciples were gathered in one place, obeying Jesus’ command to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 2:1-4, we read how the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered in the upper room. The presence of the Holy Spirit manifested in a powerful way through a rushing wind and tongues of fire that rested on each of them. This event marked the beginning of the Spirit's work in the church and empowered the disciples to go out and preach the gospel with boldness and authority.

The mighty wind symbolizes the strength and powerful action of the Holy Spirit, who pushes believers to take the message of salvation to all nations.

The image of wind also evokes the idea of spiritual renewal and refreshing, indicating that the Holy Spirit brings new and transformative life to those who receive Him.

The tongues of fire represent the purifying and burning presence of God in the lives of believers. Just as fire purifies metal, the Holy Spirit purifies and equips followers of Jesus to be effective witnesses of His love and grace. In addition, the tongues of fire symbolize the supernatural ability the disciples received to communicate in different languages, which made it possible to preach the gospel to the diverse crowd present in Jerusalem.

Reflection Questions:

Why do we need to be Christians filled with the Holy Spirit today?

Why should we seek and remain constantly filled with the power of the Holy Spirit?