

“Clothed with Power from on High”

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Acts 2:1-4, 37-39, 41

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit AND BEGAN to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Peter preaches) 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 Peter replied, "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. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

If you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit...

1. LIVES IN YOU

John 14:17

The world cannot accept [the Spirit of truth], because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

And if the Holy Spirit lives in you, then...

2. YOU CAN LIVE VICTORIOUSLY

Luke 24:49

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Cor 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

And if you live victoriously, then your life will...

3. BRING GLORY TO GOD

John 16:14 [The Holy Spirit] will bring glory to me...

Acts 1:8

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."

HOW CAN I HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME?

Ask!

Luke 11:13

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!"