

## **Pentecost Sunday 2020**

Pray

Do we need another Pentecost?

The day of Pentecost was a public display of the power of God, which brought about the birth of the church, it was not a secret event, God was in the house and everyone new it.

Yes, we do need another Pentecost. In fact we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit everyday.

50 years ago on Pentecost Sunday 1970 I was radically converted when I finally repented and surrendered my life to Christ.

Two weeks later at the end of the Sunday night service I was baptised in the Holy Spirit and it was later that night as I was praying I became acutely aware that God was calling me to serve Him and I would, one day, be preaching the Gospel across the nations of world.

I remember the first time I preached in Fiji. It was January 1972 in a small village church. At the conclusion of the service I invited people to come forward to receive the Holy Spirit. The whole church came out and what a thrill it was to go down the line of people and as I laid hands on each one they filled with the Spirit and began speaking in tongues.

On this Pentecost Sunday I want to take this opportunity to remind you to keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit.

This is much more than just speaking in tongues; it is living a life that is filled with and thrilled by the Holy Spirit everyday, impacting the world around us in Jesus name.

It is experiencing His power daily, experiencing the manifestations of His Spirit ,being empowered to live a life that is a witness of the power and glory of the Kingdom of God

Are you still hungry for more? I am

Let us not be satisfied; let's continue press into His fulness. We serve the God of the abundantly more

Jesus said

**"All you thirsty ones, come to me! Come to me and drink! 38 Believe in me so that rivers of living water will burst out from within you, flowing from your innermost being, just like the Scripture says!"**  
**39 Jesus was prophesying about the Holy Spirit that believers were being prepared to receive. But the Holy Spirit had not yet been poured out upon them, because Jesus had not yet been unveiled in his full splendor. John 7:37-39 (Passion Translation NT)**

Wherever you are, in a building or in your home; with friends or by yourself or some other place watching and listening to this message

This is the time to seek the Lord, it is the time to wait on the Holy Spirit until He comes and fills you once again with His power and might

John the baptist announced the coming of the Messiah

**John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16 (Matthew 3:11)**

It is definitely time for the church, all of us who believe, to seek for a fresh, new and dynamic outpouring of the Holy Spirit

- As it was on the Day of Pentecost over 2000 years ago, so shall it be today

**Acts 2:4 (Passion Translation NT)**

**They were all filled and equipped with the Holy Spirit and were inspired to speak in tongues—empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!**

The apostle Peter explaining to those who came running to see what all the noise was about said to the crowd gathered in the Temple

**Acts 2:32 (Passion Translation NT)**

**....God has resurrected Jesus, and we all have seen him!**

**Acts 2:33 (Passion Translation NT)**

**Then God exalted him to his right hand upon the throne of highest honor. And the Father gave him the authority to send the promised Holy Spirit, which is being poured out upon us today. This is what you're seeing and hearing!**

Jesus wants to baptise you in the Holy Spirit and fill you with His power

We definitely need another Pentecost

In fact the future of the peoples of this world depend on it.

- In fact to be filled with the Holy Spirit is a command, it is not an option

**Luke 24:49**

**And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**

This was not a suggestion - He said to go wait for the power

And the words of the apostle Paul in

**Ephesians 5:17**

**....be filled with the Spirit**

- The Holy Spirit is a Spirit of mission.

Let us not be so selfish as to think it is just all about us. It is not!

## Oops

The Holy Spirit has not come just to keep you and me happy until Jesus returns.

The Holy Spirit has come to empower every believer to be a witness.

Jesus said

**Acts 1:8 (Passion Translation NT)**

**But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be filled with power. And you will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!”**

The Holy Spirit has come to fill us and make each one of us a dynamic witness of His power and grace

- People need the Lord
- We need the Holy Spirit

Yes, it is about the people who need the Lord, a world that is drowning in sin and pain and death; people who need the Saviour - the only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please, do not settle for anything less than the dynamic fullness of the Holy Spirit.

You must believe for more, we need more, we need a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit, daily

We all must experience a greater release of His power and glory.

A number of years ago I received an invitation from a young woman in a provincial town and in a certain nation, to come and teach her group of friends about the Holy Spirit. She was expecting about 20 at the most, but I still went.

In the first meeting there were around 50 young people and as we worshipped Jesus the Holy Spirit fell on us powerfully.

The next day 60 people came to the meeting and again the Spirit moved in power

Then the next day 120 people came and yes the power of the Holy Spirit manifested among us  
In all the meetings people saved, healed and filled with the Spirit.

Because of the adverse political situation we were unable to continue with the meetings.

However, over the next few years I visited that town regularly seeing each time the Holy Spirit and the glory of God manifest in the gatherings.

Do not be satisfied with the ordinary, because the ordinary is not going to impact this world.

It is the extra-ordinary power of God, the Holy Spirit filling us and overflowing us that must be the one thing that consumes us, we must never be satisfied until He comes and saturates us with His presence, power and glory.

Over the last 50 years in every nation and place I have preached and taught on the Kingdom of God there are two constants

1 Jesus Christ is the Saviour - there is no other way to be saved

## Oops

2 The Holy Spirit fills us with power - there is no other way to serve

And we have seen the lives of multitudes of people impacted and transformed.

It is arrogance to think we can serve God without the power of His Holy Spirit

The desperate need of mankind demands that we must be filled with the Holy Spirit to boldly preach and demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in Jesus name.

Signs, wonders, healing, miracles and the gifts of the Spirit being manifest through Spirit-filled believers must be the normal expectation, not the exception.

Not only inside the church building, but outside where Spirit filled believers of Jesus Christ live, work and play, this is the place where miracles happen.

Let us make this Pentecost Sunday one to remember. Whether you are attending a service or watching online it doesn't matter, for when you cry out to Jesus from a hungry heart He will send the Holy Spirit, He will come and fill you.

### **Acts 4:31**

**And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.**

Filled with the Spirit - Speak with boldness

Let this moment, right now, be the catalyst for you to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to have a dynamic encounter with God's power that can renew and transform your life in Jesus name.

Say with me now - Holy Spirit you are welcome in this place....

Declare that you believe in and have received the Saviour Jesus Christ, and now ask Jesus to baptise you in the Holy Spirit

Let me pray fo you