

SUPERNATURAL ZONE

"The Holy Spirit through Church History"

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- We are spirit beings! The key to experiencing the power of God in our life is through the Holy Spirit, and He is here with us!
- **Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV)** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- This is the "Great Commission." Jesus builds His church.
- **John 14:15-18 (NKJV)** "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
- 'another Helper' . . . the world mocks this because they don't understand.
- **John 14:25-27 (NKJV)** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- **John 16:5-15 (NKJV)** "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.
- **Luke 24:49 (NKJV)** Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."
- **Acts 1:1-8 (NKJV)** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- **Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- **Acts 2:14-17 (NKJV)** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ '*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.*'
- The promise and giving of the Holy Spirit was the main topic of Jesus' latter ministry.
- The New Testament church was initiated with a move of the Holy Spirit.
- Cessationists believe this was only for the apostles and left when the last apostle died.
- If it took the power of the Holy Spirit to begin the church, doesn't it follow that He would be vital to keep it going!
- Today we have many denominations.
- Being a 'spirit-filled' Christian, operating in the gifts of the Spirit, didn't come about in later times.
- All Christianity has its roots in spirit-filled Christianity. Our physical DNA is in Adam; our Christian DNA is in Pentecost.
- From the beginning of the church, there was power, and it continued mostly through the Book of Acts.
- Over the next couple of hundred years, fire and power were there, but waned some because of politics, and divisions.
- In the early 300's, the Emperor Constantine had a powerful conversion, and made an edict against persecution of the church, ending it. Although the church's greatest growth came during this time, this edict made it easier to be a Christian.
- Next, Emperor Theodosias wasn't saved, but loved Christians. He made an edict that you have to be part of the Christian church a state religion. Bad idea! People were persecuted for NOT being part of it.
- This caused the church to be more filled with non-Christians, than with Christians!
- This brought in compromise and the church lost its power; adopted paganism, idolatry of that culture.
- Constantine became so upset about this that he moved to Bizantine, and named the city after him, where true Christians could exercise simple worship as in early church.
- The group who stayed in Rome began the Catholic Church, with more structured and elaborate forms of worship.
- Out of Constantinople came the Greek Orthodox Church, which today is now full of elaborate systems of worship.
- We must always fight against structuring our worship to formality.
- Love the cross. Don't love image of cross! Command. . . don't worship image! Physical cross sometimes distracts us.
- During the Dark Ages (Medieval times) there was no power in the church, no creativity, no inventions. . . also lost Word of God to everyday people.
- 1400's - Reformers arose, John Huss and John Wickliff. They were martyred, and stood against tide in order to bring presence of God to the common man.
- 1600's - (October, 1517) Martin Luther nailed his 95 thesis (points of protest against corruption of the church).
- **Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,
- We are saved by grace through faith, not of works!
- Since that time, God has been restoring what was lost in the Dark Ages.
- John Curry brought back missions.
- John Wesley message was holiness.

- During the 20th Century, there were always pockets of spirit-filled believers. . . in 1900, to best of records, only a few thousand spirit-filled on the whole Earth.
- 1900, Galena, KS (300 miles from St. Louis), Charles Parhum had a Bible school, and had to leave. He told the students to study the Bible, and pray that whatever you see in the Word, you will experience.
- January 1, 1901, they studied the Book of Acts/Pentecost, and prayed for baptism. The Holy Spirit powerfully filled them with many other languages!
- One girl spoke fluent Chinese. A reporter asked her to write answers to his questions, and she wrote in Chinese.
- The word spread all over the Midwest.
- Rev. Parhum moved to Houston, and began another Bible school. He met William Seymour, who wanted to attend Parhum's class, but because Mr. Seymour was black, he had to sit outside and listen through the window. One day, Mr. Seymour was gloriously baptized and felt called to Los Angeles. Parhum bought him a ticket. Seymour was kicked out of one church because the Holy Spirit fell. He moved to Bonwie Bray Street. Outgrew that, and then in October, the Holy Spirit broke out on Azzuza Street. People came from all over. People were falling under the power on the street. Some fell into a trance on the street. Seymour would preach and pray, and put a box over his head so all the attention would not be about him, but on the Holy Spirit.
- People came on ships from Europe. On one ship the power of the Holy Spirit hit them at the dock.
- At the same time, Oral Roberts was having same thing happen in Wales.
- God took a segregated society and used a one-eyed man named Seymour to cause people to SEE MORE!
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit spread everywhere. Here, 15-20 years later, we have many spirit-filled denominations that split over race, doctrines, and styles of worship.
- But, at first it was not so!
- In the 40's - 50's, there were healing revivals with Oral Roberts. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully.
- 50's - Latter rain, Holy Spirit!
- 60's - 70's, Charismatic renewal. Catholics were filled with the Holy Spirit. Also, Jesus movement.
- 70's - 80's, Word movement with Holy Spirit emphasis.
- 90's, Holy Spirit revival.
- In 1980, there were 50 million spirit-filled believers.
- In 2005, there were 600 million spirit-filled believers. Speeding things up exponentially.
- In the last 100 years, things have sped up. What will happen in the next 10 or 20 years?
- Great moves of the Holy Spirit are happening in other parts of the world.
- We are not educated in our Christianity so that we know what we believe and why.
- In the 'end times' there will be more darkness, yet God prophesied more glory!