

Full Tank

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. It is a celebration of the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles 50 days after the burial of Jesus (Act 2: 1-4). Jesus promised the apostles "You will receive power, you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Some people think that the Holy Spirit is like gasoline to our vehicles - that we get filled from the outside. On the contrary, as Christians, the Holy Spirit is already within us, but we need to yield full control to Him so that the character of Jesus Christ will be seen in us.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- 1.1. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Holy Trinity. He is the spirit of God, who was promised by Jesus to be with us till the end of time. God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (as one) started the Church.
- 1.2. The Lord spoke about the Holy Spirit in many occasions as the Paraclete – or called "alongside with Him." St Paul said that in order not to gratify the desires of the flesh, we need to walk with our Advocate.
- 1.3. The Holy Spirit is the comforter, counselor, intercessor, and He remains forever (John 16-16). He is the Spirit of truth and He lives in us. He grieves when we do not follow Him.

2. What does the Holy Spirit do?

- 2.1. **He gives us boldness.** When Ananias laid his hands on Saul, the latter received his sight and was filled with Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17-20). Laying of hands is very important; the Holy Spirit will work on the person to heal and anoint another.
- 2.2. **The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to teach, preach, and prophesy** (Act 13:9-12). The 3,000 people who heard Peter's first teaching were baptized and accepted Jesus.
- 2.3. **The Holy Spirit personally imparts to us the life of Jesus** (2 Tim. 3). He guides, teaches us what we should know and do.

He will remind us of all the things we have heard from the beginning.

- 2.4. **The Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus Christ to us and through us** (Gal 5:22). The character of Jesus will be reflected in us: love, joy, peace, patience, meekness, faithfulness. We are needed as living witnesses that there is nothing impossible to Him. His role is to renew us, but only if we want to change.
- 2.5. **The Holy Spirit gives knowledge and wisdom.** He is watching all the time. Every time He reveals something, our spirits are revived. Let us ask for wisdom in the middle of trials.

3. Why do we become dry when the Holy Spirit is always refreshing us?

- 3.1. Do we feel dry, burdened, powerless? Jesus assures us of the presence of the Holy Spirit and will renew our strength (Isaiah 40:30). We must walk in the Spirit so that we will not give in to the spirit of the flesh.
- 3.2. We must obey and cooperate. There is no ritual that we must do; there is no place that we need to go. Simply yield to the Holy Spirit and do not ignore His promptings.
- 3.3. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to have recourse to our lives. A Spirit-filled person is Spirit-dependent, Spirit-directed, Spirit-dominated, Spirit-empowered (Rom 8:26-27). The Holy Spirit is the power behind the Lord's Flock and behind each of us.

Conclusion:

We need to unbox the Holy Spirit to allow Him to restore everything. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to ignite in us the fire of His love. We need to be filled continually to live a transformed and abundant life.

Reflection:

What is competing with the Holy Spirit in having control of your life? What will you do to yield your life to Him?

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