

# Beyond the Walls

## Acts 2

**Acts 1:5<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** "...in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**Acts 1:8<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you . . ."

**Acts 2:1-2 (NIV)** "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting."

**Acts 2:3 (NIV)** "They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."

### Your spiritual power rises and falls on your relationship with the Holy Spirit:

1st – Every Christian has 100% of God living inside of them.

**I Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)** "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body-whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

**Romans 8:9<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** ". . . if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."

**I Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)** "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"

2nd – But not every Christian is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)** "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit."

***I Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV)** "Do not put out the Spirit's fire;"*

***Acts 7:51<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** "You always resist the Holy Spirit!"*

***Ephesians 4:30<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God . . ."*

***Isaiah 63:10<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** "(Israel) rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit."*

3rd – It is stunning what the Holy Spirit can do in your life.

**I Samuel 10:6 (NIV)** "The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power . . . and you will be changed into a different person."

**Luke 4:14<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit"

#### **What does the Spirit wants to do today?**

*Show you what's right and wrong (John 16:7 and 13).*

*Give you a special gift to serve other people (I Corinthians 12:7).*

*Help you be a more pleasant person (Galatians 5:22-23).*

*Help you stay away from sin (Galatians 5:16).*

*Help you make good decisions (Acts 8:29; Matt 4:1; Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18)*

*Help you understand God better (I Corinthians 2:10).*

*Help you pray better (Romans 8:26-27).*

*Help you feel loved (Romans 5:5).*

*To see miracles including healing of the sick (Acts 10:38).*

*To free people from demons (Matthew 12:28).*

*He gives us joy (Romans 14:17).*

# What's the price of a Spirit empowered life?

## 1st – Awareness.

**Galatians 5:16 (NIV)** “. . . live by the Spirit . . .”

**Philippians 2:1 (NIV)** “. . . fellowship with the Spirit . . .”

## 2nd - Relationship.

**Romans 8:5b (NIV)** “. . . those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”

## 3rd – Five seconds.

**Galatians 5:25 (NIV)** “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

**John 16:13<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

## 4th - Action.

### ***They spoke in languages they had not learned.***

**Acts 2:4 (NIV)** “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

**Acts 2:7-8 (NIV)** “Utterly amazed, (people) asked: ‘Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?’”

### ***God spoke to them and through them supernaturally.***

**Acts 2:17 (NIV)** “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”

### ***There was widespread repentance of sin.***

**Acts 2:38 (NIV)** “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.’”

**Acts 2:41 (NIV)** “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

### ***The Christians were devoted to each other.***

**Acts 2:42 (NIV)** “They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

### ***God performed signs and wonders and miracles.***

**Acts 2:43 (NIV)** “Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.”