

Sunday, 04-16-2023

The Holy Spirit Comes
Bible Background: Acts 2:1-36
Printed Text: Acts 2:1-13 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: John 15:1-7

Aim for Change:

- **UNDERSTAND** that God wants all people to know His love. – **Mon: John 14:18-24**
 1. How can I fully **UNDERSTAND** God's love and share it with others?
 - **APPRECIATE** the value of living by faith. – **Wed: John 16:1-11**
 2. Is the value of my faith increasing in **APPRECIATION** for Jesus or is being depreciated by sin?
 - **COMMIT** to a closer walk with God. – **Tue: John 15:1-7**
 3. What can I do to strengthen my **COMMITMENT** to God?
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Devotional Reading: Abide in Me – John 15:1-7

- Am I abiding in God's word? Am I rooted enough to bear fruit? How can I be pruned to bear fruit? Am I spiritually withered and unproductive? Am I one of God's first fruits or a leftover?
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Focal Verses – The Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-13

1. **Manifestation of the Holy Spirit (vv. 1-3) – Genesis 11:1-9; Leviticus 23:15-25; Luke 3:15-18; 1 Peter 1:7**
 - How often am I gathered together with the saints? Am I in one accord with the congregation? Do I watch how I speak towards others? How have I experienced the Holy Ghost? Has my burning flame been put out?
 2. **Filled with the Holy Spirit (vv. 4-5) – Joel 2:28-32; Fri: Acts 2:14-21; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 13:1**
 - Have I received the Holy Ghost? Does the preached word sound foreign? Does my devotion lead to clarity/understanding? Am I submitting to the Holy Ghost for direction? How is the Holy Ghost transforming my life? How has the Holy Ghost enabled me to conduct God's work? Do I go where God tells me?
 3. **Empowered by the Holy Spirit (vv. 6-12) – Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 5:1-21**
 - How well do I understand the preached word? Do I discriminate when I don't understand? Do I ignore what I can't comprehend? Is my spiritual ignorance blocking my understanding of the Holy Ghost speaking? Am I producing fruit? If so, how am I sharing my fruit? Does my speech touch the heart of others?
 4. **Doubting the Holy Spirit (v. 13) – 1 Corinthians 14:6-25**
 - Do other people's thoughts of me make me easily discouraged from obeying God? Do I deflect what I don't get? In what ways do I ignore the Holy Spirit?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday:** I Will Not Leave You Orphaned – **John 14:18-24**
 - How has God manifested Himself to me? How am I keeping His sayings?
- **Wednesday:** The Coming of the Advocate – **John 16:1-11**
 - Am I easily offended? How easy do I forget/neglect God's direction?
- **Thursday:** Raised Up and Freed from Death – **Acts 2:22-28; Psalm 16:8-11**
 - How am I approved by God? Am I walking in my deliverance?
- **Friday:** The Promise of the Spirit – **Acts 2:14-21; Joel 2:28-32**
 - Do I have Jesus on speed dial? How has the Holy Spirit been poured on me?
- **Saturday:** The Promise Received – **Acts 2:29-36**
 - Do I know God's word enough to see His promises? Does my conviction lead to repentance?