

Pt 6 - MOMENTUM: An Unstoppable Force

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Acts 1:8 (niv)

The main feature of this promise is to receive the power needed to serve God's purposes.

... The Holy Spirit arrives – as promised!

Acts 2:1-4 (niv)

This is supposed to be how it is when you receive the Holy Spirit. It is suppose to be an experience like none other.

Notice what Peter said on the day of Pentecost;

Acts 2:38-39 (niv)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift to us, just as much as salvation is. It's up to us to receive that gift of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues (*heavenly language*)

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.*

... The Church becomes an Unstoppable Force

Notice in the book of Acts that;

The Holy Spirit's work demonstrated that Christianity was supernatural.

The Church did not start or grow by its own power or enthusiasm.

The Disciples were empowered by the Holy Spirit.

As you study the New Testament church, we know from the book of Acts that it grew very rapidly.

Acts 21:20 *When they heard this they praised God and said to Paul, You see brother how many thousands of Jews have believed and all of them are zealous for the law.*

Acts 21 is about 20 years after the day of Pentecost. They're reporting to Paul upon his return to Jerusalem that literally thousands of Jews have believed.

The word used in the Greek “*murias*” which literally means “*tens of thousands*” Jews had believed in Jesus Christ.

In 20-25 years the Jerusalem church had grown from about 120 people up to 100,000 people.

Christianity spread from believing Jews to non-Jews in 39 cities and 30 countries, islands or provinces.

There was momentum with the inspired presentation of the good news of Christ. The Church was an unstoppable force!

... Receiving the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a gift. God has already given the Holy Spirit to us and all we have to do is receive Him.

After we have repented of our sins and asked Jesus to come into our life (*Salvation*) then we are ready for the Holy Spirit.

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."*

The Holy Spirit doesn't force Himself upon us. He is a gentleman in every way; you will have to invite Him into your life.

You must come and yield yourself to Him. That word yield means, to give up, to surrender, and to give in.

5 things to know in receiving the Holy Spirit;

1. You're not seeking tongues, you're seeking the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit is a gift already given by God, and it's up to us to receive Him.
3. If you have repented of your sins you are ready today, to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
4. When the Holy Spirit comes He will move upon your lips first, and then He will want to speak, but you have to be the one who speaks.
5. You must come with faith, and come prepared to yield yourself totally to Him. Your mouth, your lips, your body, and your mind.