“The Wind is Blowing Again”

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Pentecost Sunday

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“And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” Acts 2:1-4 (ASV).

* The Church was born on the Day of Pentecost.

D.L. Moody said, "You might as well try to hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as try to live a Christian life without the Spirit of God in your heart."

**Symbols of the Holy Spirit**Fire: Purifying, Illuminating, searching
Oil: Healing, comforting, consecrating
Water: Cleansing, life giving
Dove: Gentle, peaceful, comforting, guiding, warning
And finally the Wind - The wind speaks of God’s Power, and it speaks of change.

**We need the Wind of God to Blow**

“Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live” Ezekiel 37:9  (ASV).

* Hebrew meaning of the word “Live” = **H2421 –** to revive, keep alive, nourish up, preserve, quicken, recover, repair, restore to life, save, be whole.

**The wind of God is blowing again!**

**Many Christians today are like the Ephesian believers spoken of in Acts.**“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples: and he said unto them, Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed? And they *said* unto him, Nay, we did not so much as hear whether the Holy Spirit was *given*. And he said, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism. And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him that should come after him, that is, on Jesus. And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied”

Acts 19:1-6 (ASV).

* Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?
* The Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

**God is Pouring Out His Spirit.**

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit” Joel 2:28-29 (ASV).

“For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring…” Isaiah 44:3 (ASV).

**Peter on the Day of Pentecost**“…but this is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel: And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams: Yea and on my servants and on my handmaidens in those days Will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy” Acts 2:16-18 (ASV).

* The Rain of the Holy Spirit is falling on the dry and religious ground of our day.
* The Holy Spirit is raining down upon us to prepare the Precious Fruit of the Earth for Harvest, and harvest is at the Heart of Pentecost.

**The Promise is to You and to Your Children.**

“Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ to remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those afar off, as many as *the* Lord our God shall call. And with many other words he earnestly testified and exhorted, saying, Be saved from this perverse generation” Acts 2:38-40 (MKJV).

* The Gift of the Holy Spirit is for everyone.

**Jesus Breathed on Them.**

“Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you. As *My* Father has sent Me, even so I send you. And when He had said this, He breathed on *them* and said to them, Receive *the* Holy Spirit” John 20:21-22 (KJV).

 “May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he’ll do it!” 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (MSG).

* There is no power from hell that can stand against the wind of God.
* The wind is blowing again!