

The Wind of Change: The Power of Pentecost May 27, 2018 - Sermon by: Pastor Bryan Tomes

Intro:

- Last week we talked about the Product of Pentecost with the Holy Spirit.
- We need to work with the Wind & follow the Fire - the Fire brings warmth and light in the darkness.
- Pentecost shouldn't be a memorial message of what happened long ago but a fresh anointing on what's happening right now – it's perpetual.
- The Holy Spirit isn't a thing, He's a person – He is God. We are a spirit-filled church and we believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let God do what only He can do. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to bring change.

Text:

- **Luke 24:49 (NLT)**- **“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised.** But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Receiving the Holy Spirit fulfills a promise. You can reject it, but when you receive it, your living changes.

The Holy Spirit comes and fills you – with power – to be a witness of the power.

- **Acts 1:8 (NLT)** - ***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.***

Here we see the Holy Spirit comes UPON you. There's a spirit that comes IN you to give you power for living, and the Holy Spirit will come UPON you to give you power to be a witness.

This is not just to reach those around us and wait to go out. It's not just IN Jerusalem THEN Judea ... it's AND ... and to the ends of the earth. You can do it all at the same time. We did “We Love our City” AND at the same time sent some to Guatemala. We did BOTH at the same time.

- **Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)** - ***On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.***

One of the great things the Holy Spirit does is give abilities to His people to prophecy, to evangelize, to heal, lay hands on the sick, raise the dead, open blind eyes. Amen

The Anointing and The Spirit

- Anoint = to smear / To rub in
- Leviticus 8 we see the levities rub the oil into all the sacred vessels in temple - **Rub Into**
 - We also see Aaron w/ the garments, the robe and the ephod
 - They poured the Oil on His head to anoint him and to make him holy for his work - **Poured Over**

The first thing God wants to do when you get born again is to rub the anointing into you to let the work of God to take place in your heart. The Holy Spirit will change the way that you look. Your face will be shining.

We should learn to pray in the Spirit and let the Spirit do the talking for us. Revelation starts on the inside before illumination takes place on the outside.

Changes How We Speak - Preach

- When the Apostle Paul got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost the Bible Says that He Immediately Began To Preach and Testify.
 - Saul used to constantly be breathing out murderous accusations towards Christians.
 - Then he had an encounter and a radical change - Acts 9 Blinded
 - His encounter led to his empowerment.
 - After he had an encounter with God he IMMEDIATELY began to preach
 - He changed from persecuting to promoting Christianity
- **1 Corinthians 2:4 (NLT)** - *And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit.*
 - His preaching was plain, he wasn't Eloquent !!!
 - Eloquent Doesn't Equal Effectiveness
 - **Empowerment = Effectiveness**
- **Jesus Said This:**
 - **John 12:49-50 (NLT)** - *I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. And I know his commands lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to say."*
 - How you say something is just as important as what you say – it needs to be said in love.

Changes What We Do - Posture

- **If we are not living what we are preaching then we are posing**
 - Posture not Poseur
 - Illumination happens on the inside before it shines on the outside
- **Services rendered in the energy of the flesh is nothing more than a fruitless service.**

- **Romans 8:5-6 (NLT)** - *Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.*

Changes Who We Are - Position

- When we receive Jesus we're on another level – we're called to be a royal priesthood.
- People Stumble because they don't obey God's word and never change
- **1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)** - *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*