

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**  
**“Quench Not the Spirit”**  
**Acts 2:1-13, I Thess. 5:16-19**

**Introduction:**

Ever since the outpouring and heavenly manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost there has been a challenge that both believers and those yet to believe must encounter. By virtue of invitation through the obedience of the disciples to the command of Jesus to wait until the power of the Spirit came, the will of man came upon the scene to try to explain, define, and control the affect of this divine outpouring. The attempts to find reasoning and explanation to what was supernatural and could be explained to the natural mind was met with impossibility. The only seemingly rational explanation was given to a mass of religious zealots that were overcome by intoxicants early in the morning.

I believe it is of great importance for you to know that Pentecostalism, (the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit's presence in the life of believers) is growing at a rate of 13 million per year, (35,000 per day) second only to the Roman Catholic Church which has suffered an invasion amongst its ranks via the Holy Spirit with those in authority unwilling to release statistics of the impact among the faithful followers of the same.

- 1. Do you believe as a follower of Jesus you have yielded your will to the fullness of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?**
- 2. Have you allowed fear of what could happen to you to prevent you from the blessing of the infilling of the Holy Spirit?**
- 3. To what degree do you allow the Holy Spirit access to your will and control of your mind (thoughts)?**

#### **I Suddenly      Acts 2:2**

- A. The fulfillment of the promise of the Spirit came unannounced at a time that was totally unexpected**
  1. The timing of the release of power was focused on the disciples being in unity and purpose
  2. They were ready to receive because they had met the conditions
  3. The sound that preceded the experience was a divine indicator of the supernatural presence of the Spirit
- B. The Holy Spirit will incorporate our senses and feelings with His presence**
  1. Even though we cannot see the wind we can feel its impact
  2. The wind of the Spirit has the power to change our physical posture and position

3. The power of the wind captured the disciples imagination knowing that something was about to happen

**C. Fire has been a divine indicator of the presence of the Lord throughout the bible Ex. 3:2-5**

1. The fire of the Lord came upon each of them
2. The fire was a symbolic indication of power
3. The fire was a demonstration of the power of God to call attention to His presence by all that were looking at the disciples

**D. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit**

1. The filling preceded the speaking in tongues
2. The speaking in tongues was a manifestation of being filled with the Spirit
3. The Spirit was the one who gave them the power to speak

**E. The crowd responded to what they saw with great amazement**

1. There was power and purpose for those filled with the Spirit to speak in tongues (languages)
2. The testimony of the impartation of the gift of the Spirit was to proclaim Jesus to all who were in attendance
3. The barriers of race and culture were removed in order for the Holy Spirit to proclaim the message of salvation

**F. Those who were present looked for things they could use to resist the miracle of what they were seeing and hearing**

1. The facts supported that they were all Galileans
2. The facts further sustained that regardless of where they were from, they heard people speaking their language
3. Their only rationale was that they had to have been drunk

**G. Peter refuted their arguments with truth and prophetic confirmation of the promise of the Spirit Acts 2:38-39**

1. People do not get drunk at 9:00am
2. What they were witnessing was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel
3. Repent and receive the promise of the Holy Spirit was the invitation of the Holy Spirit to everyone

**II Don't Quench The Holy Spirit I Thess. 5:16-19**

**A. It is God's will for all believers to be filled with the Spirit Eph 5:17-19**

1. Being filled with the Spirit is a command with promise to all believers
2. The antithesis of being filled with the Spirit is to rely on a substitute of artificial intoxication
3. The choice to be filled with the Spirit will result in true worship unto the Lord

**B. Quenching the Spirit is an act of the human will, driven by the power of mind that is yielded to the flesh**

1. The Holy Spirit will cause men to act by the means of the truth that is delivered by the Holy Spirit
2. When we listen to preaching under the anointing of the Spirit we will change our minds to live in accordance with the Word of the God
3. Even though God is omnipotent man can resist the power of the Holy Spirit with his will

**C. When we quench the Spirit, we reject the truth of the Word by refusing to receive its light to dispel the darkness of sin and disobedience**

1. We quench the Spirit by deliberately resisting truth
2. When we question the truth of the Word of God with our thoughts and rationale we quench the Spirit
3. We can resist truth until it no longer has an effect on our conscience

**D. The Spirit is often quenched when we violate our conscience**

1. We must rely on what Jesus said rather than how we feel about what Jesus said

2. If our change of conduct is only hinged upon our change in our point of view rather than the truth of the word of God, we are in danger of quenching the Spirit
3. The Spirit has the power of arousing our conscience to confront sin, however when we quench the Spirit the conscience loses all sensibility

**E. The Holy Spirit is quenched in the life of a believer that casts off fear and restraining of prayers**

1. If we are led by the Spirit, we will find ourselves praying many times daily in secret moments
2. The heart of the true believer is prone to “pray without ceasing”
3. The heart that wanders from God loses its hold on the truth

**F. The Spirit of procrastination and making excuses for the things we neglect to do, according to the Word, is a sure way to quench the power of God in our lives**

1. We should pursue and prefer the things of the kingdom of God
2. We should resist the liberal and enlightened views of the world
3. We should seek deliverance from the delusion that we are in right relationship with Jesus when we have befriended the things of the world

You Will know you have not quenched the Spirit if you have:

- 1. Found the truth of God's Word has taken precedence over your life and you conscience is clear before the Lord**
- 2. Allowed the Light of the Holy Spirit in your life to expose the darkness that is in the world**
- 3. When you are praying constantly in the Spirit with all perseverance and supplication for the saints**