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Pentecost
“Power Blessing”

Acts 2
“What Meaneth This?”


The Promise – “Power From On High”

- **Luke 24:49 (KJV)**

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

- **Endued** (clothed...submerged)
- **Power** (*dunamis*) **More than Enough**
- **From On High = from God**
- **Joel 2:28 (KJV)**

28 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:

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- **Bethlehem= *God With Us***
 - **Calvary= *God For Us***
 - **Pentecost= *God In/ Upon Us***

• **Acts 2:1-4 (KJV)**

¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one

- *accord in one place.*

- *² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty*

- *wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

- *³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat*

- *upon each of them.*

- *⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with*

- *other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

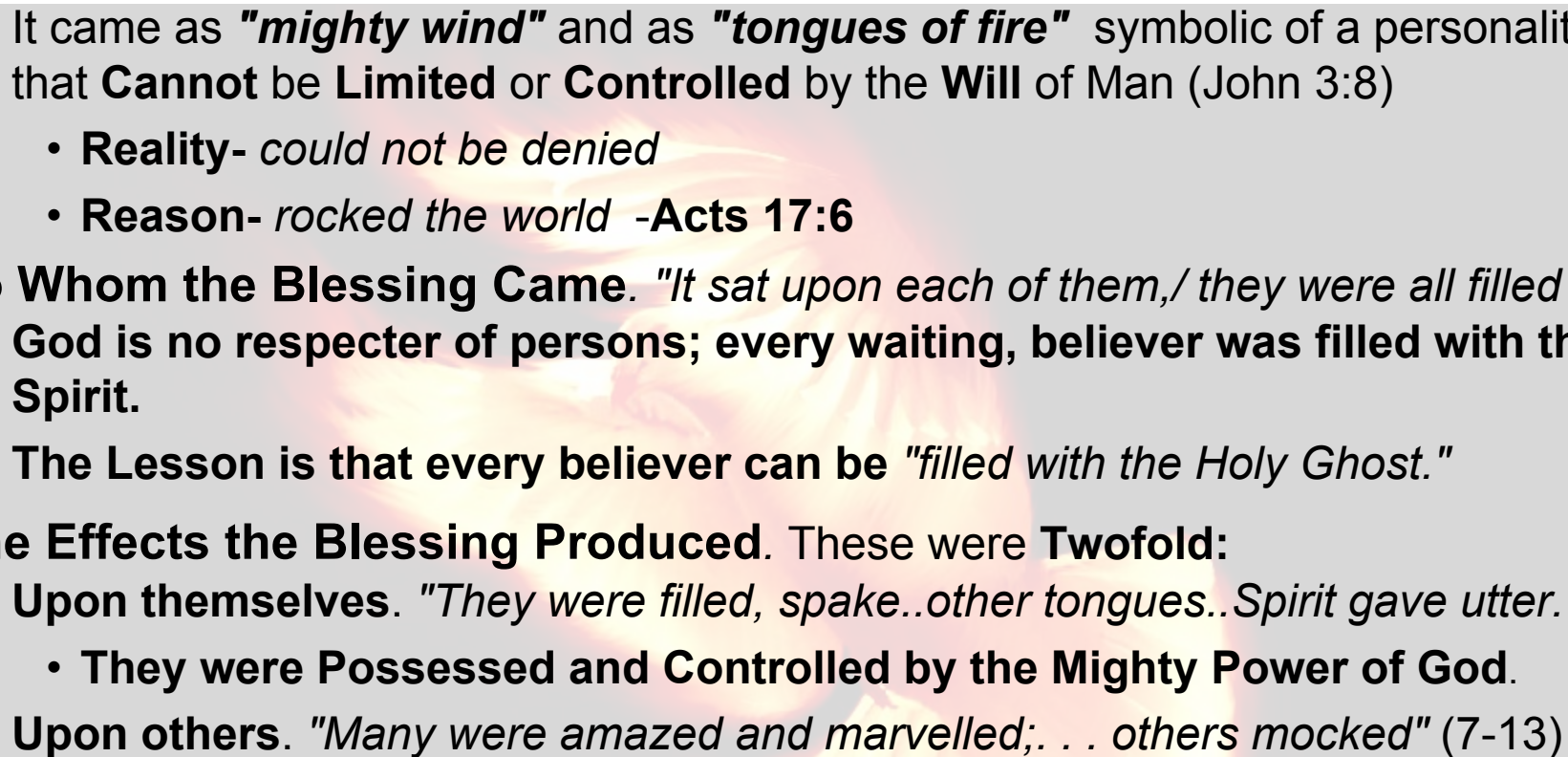
Here is the...

Birth of the Church

Birth of the Power Blessing

God's Church is Meant be a **Powerful** in the **Presence/ Power of the Holy Ghost**.
Where the **Ministry of the Spirit is Absent**, the Church is but a **Breathless Body**.
"It is the Spirit that quickeneth" Observe—

- **Place of the Blessing** - *"They were all with one accord in one place"* (1)
 - **Gk= all together together**
 - **Psa 133:1**, *how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
- **When the Blessing Came**. *"When the day of Pentecost was fully come."*
50 days after Pass. the sheaf of firstfruits was presented as a wave offering
 - **God's Always Operates with the "fulness of time"** (Gal. 4:4)
 - **500 heard the Promise –only 120 stayed**
 - **Don't Give Up! –...when the Time is Full God will Burst on your Scene**
- **How the Blessing Came**. *"Suddenly..mighty, rushing wind..cloven tongues..fire"* (2-3)
 - **Suddenly= appear- (shine), show**
 - **What Seemed Like Forever –Changed in a Moment**
 - **God has Some Suddenlies in Store for Us**

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- It came as **"mighty wind"** and as **"tongues of fire"** symbolic of a personality that **Cannot** be **Limited** or **Controlled** by the **Will** of Man (John 3:8)
 - **Reality**- *could not be denied*
 - **Reason**- *rocked the world* -**Acts 17:6**
 - **To Whom the Blessing Came.** *"It sat upon each of them,/ they were all filled (4)*
 - **God is no respecter of persons; every waiting, believer was filled with the Spirit.**
 - **The Lesson is that every believer can be "filled with the Holy Ghost."**
 - **The Effects the Blessing Produced.** These were **Twofold:**
 - **Upon themselves.** *"They were filled, spake..other tongues..Spirit gave utter."*
 - They were **Possessed and Controlled by the Mighty Power of God.**
 - **Upon others.** *"Many were amazed and marvelled;. . . others mocked" (7-13)*

What Meaneth This ?

The Gift of the Holy Spirit...

...was a source of "*amazement*" to some

...and "*mockery*" to others,

...is full of precious meaning to us who believe.

It Means...

- He who Died for our Sins is **now exalted** at the **Right Hand of God** (33)
- the **Fulfilment of Prophecy** (16)
- Christ has **Power to Fulfil His Promises** (1:4-5)
- **Power for Testimony** (17, 18)
- **Fullness of Blessing for Every Believer** (38, 39)
- God can **Mightily Use Weak Things** (7)
- God would have **All Men to be Saved** (21)



3000 were Saved!

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