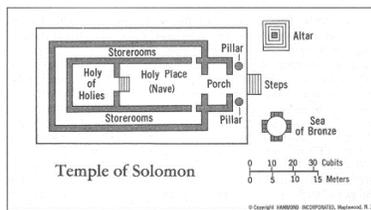




In the Old Covenant God made with the Jews, the Holy Spirit of God dwelled in the temple in Jerusalem.



The inside of the temple was divided into three parts.



The Holy of Holies was the hot spot of God's presence on earth.



There were times in both the tabernacle of Moses in the Wilderness and in the temple of Solomon that God manifested His presence with fire in those temples.



In the new covenant, the followers of Jesus are the hot spot of God's presence on earth. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised His disciples that when they received the Holy Spirit, they would receive power.

#### Acts 1:1-11

1 In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach

2 until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. 3 During the forty days after His crucifixion, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and He proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. And He talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

4 Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before.

5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, "Lord, has the time come for You to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

8 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."

9 After saying this, He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him.

10 As they strained to see Him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them.

11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday He will return from heaven in the same way you saw Him go!"



The disciples of Jesus believed what Jesus said about the promise of the Holy Spirit and together they waited at least 7 days after His ascension in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. There were 120 of them.

The first disciples of Jesus were Jews. They knew from their Jewish history and from their experiences with Jesus that whenever the Holy Spirit came upon anything or anyone there were incredible signs of His power.

- Abraham and Sarah conceived a child in their old age.
- Joseph had dreams that accurately predicted the future.
- Moses used a rod to perform extraordinary signs.
- Joshua led the Israelites to conquer the promised land.
- The judges that ruled in Israel delivered Israel from their enemies.
- King Saul prophesied with the prophets.
- David and his mighty men did extraordinary feats in battle.
- King Solomon had extraordinary wisdom.
- Elijah performed 8 extraordinary miracles.
- Elisha performed 16 extraordinary miracles.
- Their prophets accurately predicted the future.
- An ass spoke.
- Mary conceived a child while yet a virgin.
- Prophets predicted the future of this child.
- John the Baptist brought repentance to a nation and predicted the coming of the messiah.
- Jesus performed extraordinary signs-Jesus had the Spirit without measure.
- Jesus rose from the dead.

When the Holy Spirit came ten days after the ascension, they experienced His power and saw signs of His power.

- They were regenerated
- They spoke in tongues
- Peter preached the gospel with boldness
- Thousands were regenerated
- The apostles and others performed miracles
- Saul the prosecutor of the church became Saul the preacher for the church
- The church loved one another
- Within a just few decades Christian congregations had been established in all major cities of the Roman Empire. Within 300 years Christianity was the largest single religion in the world. The church of Jesus Christ was the most powerful force for change in the world.



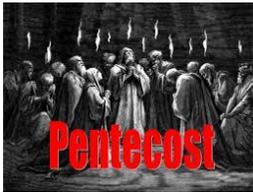
What power should you expect if the Holy Spirit comes upon you?  
What power should we expect if the Holy Spirit comes upon us?

There is power and signs of the Holy Spirit's power that Jesus and His apostles promised to all His followers.

- Regeneration
- Victory over sin
- Love
- Discernment of truth
- Boldness to witness

There is power and signs that the Holy Spirit gives according to His sovereign will.

- Spiritual gifts (Romans 12; I Cor. 12-14)



Over the course of this series we will be learning about the power and signs of the Holy Spirit and how His presence in us should be experienced in each one of us personally and in the church.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news because of...

1. It's judicial truth
2. It's positional truth
3. It's experiential truth

Have you believed the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Have you believed the full gospel of Jesus Christ?