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1 Kings 8:57–58; Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:49; John 3:16; John 14:16–18; Acts 1:4–5; Acts 2:1–21; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Acts 2:1–21 (NASB95)

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

5Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

6And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

14But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

15"For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;

16but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

17'And it shall be in the last days,' God says,

'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind;

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

And your young men shall see visions,

And your old men shall dream dreams;
18Even on My bondslaves, both men and women,
I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit
And they shall prophesy.
19'And I will grant wonders in the sky above
And signs on the earth below,
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.
20'The sun will be turned into darkness
And the moon into blood,
Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.
21'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.'

- Today is Pentecost Sunday.
- In the history of the Church, this day celebrates three things;
- 1 was the giving of the Torah to Moses
- 2 Feast of weeks
- 3 The sending of the Spirit

Acts 1:4–5 (NASB95)

4Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait for what the Father had promised, *"Which," He said, "you
heard of from Me;*

*5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy
Spirit not many days from now."*

Luke 24:49 (NASB95)

*49"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you;
but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on*

high.”

Matthew 3:11 (NASB95)

11“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John 14:16–18 (NASB95)

16“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17*that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

18“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

The second Pentecost is a complete reversal of the first Pentecost

- Acts 2:14 (NASB95)
- **14**But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.
- Counter cultural Spiritual formation requires that we see the world the way God sees it.
- John 3:16 (NASB95)
- **16**“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

21He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

How do we get an increase in this baptism of Love?

- Encounters with God in Worship & Prayer
 - Pentecost came at a time of prayer
 - Intercession for the people in your life
- Counter Cultural Spiritual Formation
- Mission
- Without Love, you don't have the gifts of the Spirit, you have the usage of the Spirit. We try to use Spirit to make us powerful, us important, our lives meaningful.
- The fruit of the Spirit becomes the context of the Spirit. Without love, it becomes the way we use God, not the love of God becoming active in the world.
- Pray till your heart changes
- Pray till you realize that people around you are stuck
- Pray the Psalms till they change you

1 Kings 8:57–58 (NASB95)

57"May the Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us,

58that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers.