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Why We Need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit:

• God Has Provided It -- Jesus Himself Received It
• He Commanded His Disciples Not To Proceed Without It
• It Led to the Conversion Of 3000 On The Day Of Pentecost
• It Helped the Apostle's To Fill Jerusalem With The Doctrine Of Faith & Enabled Supernatural Signs And Wonders
• It Helped Them To Carry The Gospel To Their Generation
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• Acts 8:14-15 (NIV) (14) When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. (15) When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,

• All Christians Should Receive The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

• The Lord Wants Us To Be Saved / To Obey To Ask For His Gift / To Be Filled
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PENTECOST THE BEGINNINGS:
• The Feast Of Pentecost Took Place After Passover
• It took place 50 days after Passover
• Pentecost Is Known As The Feast Of Weeks
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• Pentecost: An Appointed Feast -- A Certain Day – A Specific Event

• The Outpouring Of The Holy Spirit On The Early Church Was Pinpointed To Arrive On A Certain Day: Pentecost

• Things Had Changed Drastically

• Pentecost Is About Change In God’s Dealings w/ Man
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PENTECOST AND NOAH = CHANGE

• As Noah Stepped Out Of The Ark He Received A New Covenant From God

• READ: Genesis 8:13-22

• The Jews Say That Traditionally The Covenant Of Noah Was Given On Pentecost
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PENTECOST AND MOSES= CHANGE

• *Moses And The Children Of Israel Were At Mount Sinai Where God Gives The Law -- On The Day Of Pentecost*

• *This Covenant Is Given To Them In Order To Worship God & To Ready The People For Life In The Promise Land*
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PENTECOST AND THE CHURCH = CHANGE

• *On Pentecost We Have The Birth Of The Church Era And The Covenant Of Grace*

• *The Gentiles Are Brought Into The Family Of God*

• *Today: We Are In The Age Of Grace*

• *This Is The Day Of Salvation Through Christ*

• *Those Who Call Upon His Name Will Be Saved*
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- PENTECOST IS ABOUT CHANGE AS BELIEVERS
- Peter Had Some Notable Strengths And Accomplishments
- There Were Also Some Weaknesses And Mistakes
- Before Jesus = He Was Simon --- After Jesus = He Was Peter
- The Change Was Great:
  - From Fisherman To Evangelist
  - From Impulsive –Impetuous - Impatience To Being Rock Solid
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• *The Single Event That Cause Peter To Become The Rock Man Was The Infilling Power Of The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit*

• JESUS PROMISED POWER AS HE SAID IN (Luke 24:49 NIV) I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

• HE ALSO PROMISED POWER IN ACTS 1:8 (Acts 1:8 NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
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• The Disciples Including Peter Were Waiting For This Power Filled -- Life Changing Experience -- Peter Could Not Be A “Rock” Without It!

• Acts 2:1-4 (NIV) (1) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
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• *In Acts 2:14-41 Peter Preaches A Powerful Pentecost Sermon*

• *He Proclaims The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Boldly And Without Fear -- What Was The Difference?*

• *It Was The Baptism In The Holy Spirit. Peter Is One Of The Best Examples Of Acts 1:8 -- The Holy Spirit’s Power To Change People*
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• His Spirit Filled Sermon Was Persuasive

• (Acts 2:37 NIV) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

• Before, They Said “He’s One Of Them” -- Now They Say “What Should We Do -- We Want To Be One Of Them Too -- We Want What You Have -- We Want That Life Changing Power Ourselves!”

• (Acts 2:38 NIV) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
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- *The Promised Gift Is Multi-Generational -- It Stretches From That Day To This -- And It Lasts Until The Lord Comes Again* (Acts 2:39 NIV) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

- *It Is A Powerful Work-- This Work Of The Spirit*
- *3,000 Salvations In One Day*
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• **Today -- If We Want To See God Work And Move In Power -- We Have To Have His Power In Us**

• **This Power Of The Spirit That Came Upon Peter Is Available As A Free Gift From God To All Believers Who Ask And Believe**

• **It’s An Enabling Power That Allows The Job to get Done**
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- *He Enables Us -- As Weak And Powerless As We May Be -- To Get The Job Done*

- *He Said For Us To Go Into All The World And Preach The Gospel. How Are We Going To Do That?*

- *We Have The Enabling Power Of The Holy Spirit!*
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- What Is The Key To Seeing Darkened Lives Changed -- Broken Lives Restored -- Our County Turned Upside Down For Jesus Christ?

- It Is The Enabling Power Of The Holy Spirit
- God’s Dunamis Giving Spirit Enables Us To Get The Job Done
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• Our Lord Is Faithful -- He Has Made Covenant Promises -- He Has Prepared A Place For Us

• He Is A Keeper Of His Word And A Keeper Of His Covenant

• One Day --The Order Of Things Will Change

• Our Lord Will Return To Take Us To Be With Him

• And We Will Be With Our Lord Forever

• Until Then – We Are Empowered to Live by the Holy Spirit
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- He Is Our Lord, Savior & God
- He Loves Us And Calls Us His Own
- He Is Just
- He Is Just
- He Is Benevolent
- He Is Merciful & Gracious
- He Is Loving
- He Is Faithful -- He Always Keeps His Promises
- *We Want To Be CHANGED & GIFTED For His Coming*