

THE HOLY SPIRIT Pt. 1

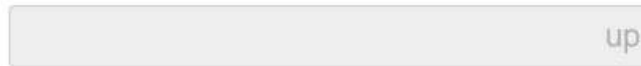
Scott and Kennedy are here with me because today is a special day. Today we are celebrating our 12th year in ministry. July the 14th of this year will make 12 years in ministry and now we begin into our 13th year.

Thank y'all for joining me up here and for helping in the ministry work behind the scenes.



Countries

Visits from 176 countries registered.



This was our initial website map and one day they just took it down. I hang on to the screen shot just for proof of what God has done. He has sent Three Hearts Church ministry into 176 countries!



This is our new website map. On this map we have gone into 78 countries as of the end of 2025. I praise God for sending us around the world like He has, it is a

true miracle, something only God can do. All glory to Him alone and I praise Him for all who are being ministered to and disciplined through this ministry.

I want to say thank you for all the ways you support our ministry work. Those that give, and pray over our ministry and outreach ministries, to those that share the sermons, we are so grateful for your consideration. We could not spread the gospel and expose the evil works of darkness without you. We hope that you will continue with us in prayer, in your giving and growing in Christ, working together as God intended the body of Christ to do.

As we continue to wait on the Lord, may you know "the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance"(Ephesians 1:18).

We love you all in Christ, may God bless you abundantly.

I don't think The Holy Spirit is taught on as much as He should be. We need to understand the Third Person of The Trinity better and the anointing that He brings to our lives. I have heard the televangelists preach that you get 100% of The Holy Spirit upon salvation. They say, no God doesn't give you 50% or 75% but 100% of The Holy Spirit upon salvation. This annoys me as a minister because it's a lie. That lie is based on a motive to keep the person spiritually weak, to keep them from gaining more of God's power and anointing in their life. Most will eventually fall away from the faith if they cling to that lie and don't get equipped and empowered by The Holy Spirit.

John 20:21-22 – Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *My* Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Jesus was in the upper room with the disciples face to face after His resurrection. When He breathed on them He was imparting The Holy Spirit to them. For us today, this is a picture of when we first get saved. They knew Jesus was crucified and that He had resurrected and they knew Who He was and what He did for mankind. For us, when we have faith believing that Jesus truly died for our sins, was crucified and did rise from the dead and is alive forevermore seated at God The Father's right hand, this is when we receive The Holy Spirit initially.

Luke 24:49 - 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.

Jesus had already imparted The Holy Spirit to them in the upper room. But we see here that they still needed more power from The Father. They were not going to be effective in their ministry work or Christian lives without more power. That power is The Holy Spirit. So they still needed more of The Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Jerusalem was filled with Jews from all nations and they spoke many different languages. They were there for the feast of Pentecost or Feast of Weeks. So at this time The Holy Spirit caused the disciples to speak in all these different languages to minister to the Jews of the nations because they knew the disciples of Jesus did not know their languages and they were amazed at what was taking place. This was a way that God was drawing them to Himself. This was the power from on High that Jesus spoke of. This was the baptism into The Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues or other languages is not the only proof of being baptized into The Holy Spirit. It is a shame that certain denominations are standing on a false teaching saying if you don't speak in tongues then you are not saved. That is a lie from the pits of hell and has driven many people away from the church. I have taught on The Baptism of The Holy Spirit in a sermon entitled The Baptism of The Holy Spirit. It is a powerful teaching and I encourage you to listen to it so that you are not someone promoting the lie that speaking in tongues is the only evidence of being baptized into The Holy Spirit because it isn't.

At this point we have already read about two separate occasions where the disciples received the Holy Spirit, an initial impartation from Jesus and then a fuller outpouring when they were baptized into The Holy Spirit.

Listen to this next passage of Scripture.

Ezekiel 47:1-12 – Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto Eneglaim; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

The Geneva Bible says Ezekiel chapter 47 is spiritual in meaning about the graces given to the church under Christ.



This is Pastor Erustus and his wife, Pastor Sarah of our outreach ministry in Africa. Pastor Erustus is my spiritual father in the faith. I'm also going to share some things that Pastor Erustus had to say on this subject.

Listen to what he shared on the passage I just read: The Prophet Ezekiel had a vision of a river flowing from the Temple in Jerusalem. The water rose from the ankles, then the knees, then the waist, and finally deepened all over. I believe this water symbolized continuous, work of God's Spirit in people's lives or and church. The initial walk of faith where water reaches the ankles I think means the initial stage of a believer's spiritual walk with Christ ie start of Holy Spirit at the initial saving grace a Christian experiences. The deepening of water I think means the deepening relationship of a believer with God. The water at knee deep I think is where the Holy Spirit increases in one's life after a commitment to a life of prayer. The water (Holy Spirit) raises to the waist level meaning a Christian has now more spiritual strength and starts bearing fruits that the world can now see. Apostle Paul talks of the belt of truth buckled around the waist. **(Eph.6:14)** At this point of growth I think now the believer grows in God's truth ie girding the waist in order now one starts to bear much fruit. From the waist the water rose much deeper where now one could swim (overflow). I think this is where one now lives a life of

complete surrender to the leading and working of the Holy Spirit. One now totally relies on the Holy Spirit (separate for me Paul & Silas for the work ahead of them). **(Acts 13:2)** Not as you wish but as the Holy Spirit wishes. One now is carried entirely by the Holy Spirit in his or her life. At this stage Jesus said, Father, not My will but Your will. **(Luke 22:42)** Jesus told Apostle Peter when you were young you went and did what you wanted but days will come where you will be led (paraphrased). **(John 21:18)** You now no longer rely on your efforts or wishes but the Holy Spirit's. One dies to the flesh and becomes Alive in the Spirit.

I think that was a beautiful interpretation of that passage. The Holy Spirit is like a river in the believer's life. In order for Him to flow more and fill you up more you need to submit fully and draw nearer to God in prayer and reading His Word and let Him lead your life. The knee level Pastor compared to a commitment to a life of prayer. I think a lot of people don't make it that far. Many who claim to be Christians do not have a dedicated prayer life. They will not get stronger and there will not be much fruit in their lives.

Pastor shared further:

I think another scripture about being continually filled with the Holy Spirit is

Ephesians 5:18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Being drunk with wine leads to debauchery. Debauchery is a lifestyle that is unrestrained or immoral. Just like a person who drinks, we must continuously go on being filled or drink the Spirit. It must be an ongoing process not just a onetime event but a daily lifestyle depending on the Holy Spirit.

This passage of scripture is not telling us to get crazy in church and then pretend it was The Holy Spirit's doing. That is utter nonsense. It simply means instead of a worldly drug that leads you out of God's will, be filled with God's Spirit so that you can live a life that pleases Him. And just as a drunkard drinks daily, so we should be continually filled with The Spirit.

This next passage of scripture is right after Peter and John were threatened by the chief priests and elders not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. After they were let go they went back to the other disciples.

Acts 4:29-31 – And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word, By stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

This is another infilling of The Holy Spirit. They were praying and asking God for boldness to preach His Word. God answered their prayer by pouring out more of His Spirit to them.

Acts 13:52 - And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

The disciples here again are being filled after the Acts 2 encounter with the Holy Spirit. The filling of the Holy Spirit signifies empowerment and guidance for the disciples. In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in the expansion of the early church, providing boldness, wisdom, and miraculous signs. This phrase, being filled with The Holy Ghost, connects to the promise of Jesus in Acts 1:8, where He assures His followers that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. The presence of the Holy Spirit is a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, such as Joel 2:28-29, and is essential for the life and mission of the church.

John 7:38-39 – (Jesus speaking) He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Pastor Erustus shared: Rivers hypothetically flow because there is a continuous supply of water from the source. Same with us believers we must have a constant infilling of our spiritual bellies (heart) with the Holy Spirit in order to remain alive.

Romans 15:13 – Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit fills us with the fruit of The Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the agent of transformation and empowerment in the believer's life. Acts 1:8 describes the Spirit as the source of power for witnessing and living out the Christian faith. The

Spirit's role is to guide, comfort, and strengthen believers, enabling them to experience and express the hope, joy, and peace that come from God.

CLOSING

Zechariah 4:6 - Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the LORD of Hosts.

An angel was giving Zechariah a message for Zerubbabel that applies to us today. We cannot do godly things by our own power or strength but only by The Spirit of The Lord. We have examples of the early church being filled with The Holy Spirit after the initial outpouring of The Holy Spirit so that shows us there is more that we can receive of God's Spirit. Do not listen to anyone that tries to tell you that you already have all of God's Spirit that you need or that you are ever going to get. There is always more if you will seek for more of God's Spirit, He will give it.

From the old church hymnal: Fall Fresh on Me
Spirit of The Living God, fall fresh on me
Spirit of The Living God, fall fresh on me
Break me, melt me, mold me fill me
Spirit of The Living God, fall fresh on me

They knew way back when this song was written that we need more of God's Spirit. Fall fresh on me – fill me.

PRAYER