



God's  
empowering presence

INTIMACY AND IMPACT  
IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Being an  
answer to  
Jesus' prayer:  
John 17

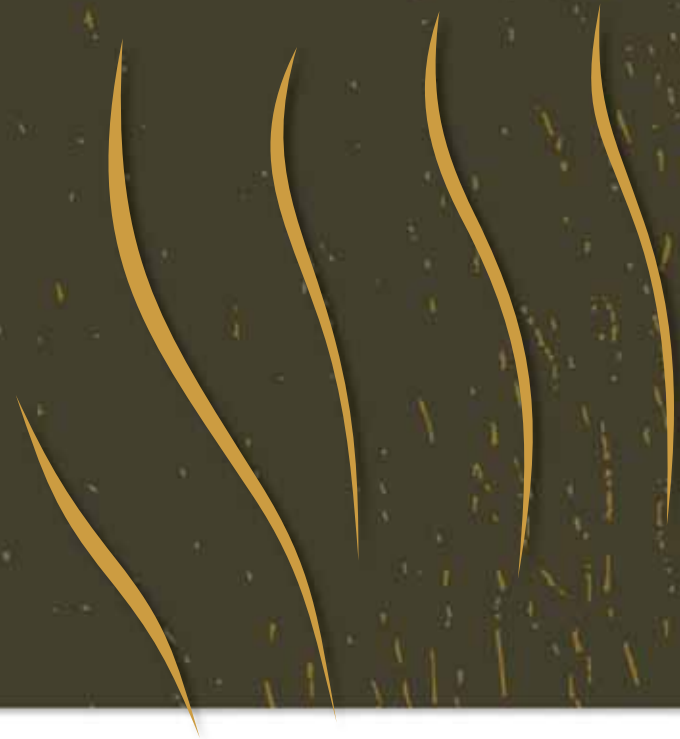


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# The Holy Spirit: Enjoying Intimacy with the Trinity

- Jesus promised His presence after His ascension (John 14-16)
- Jesus prayed that we would know the holiness, unity and love of the Trinity



# The Holy Spirit is:

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- The One who unites us to Christ and His Body (I Corinthians 12:13)
- The Spirit of adoption, assuring us of the Father's love (Romans 8)
- The Spirit of holiness that raised Jesus and transformed us (Romans 1, 8)

# Established Truth

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- The Holy Spirit dwells within all true Christians (John 3; Romans 8:1-17)
- There are subsequent empowerments of the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's Call (Acts 1, 2, 4, 8, 10-11, 19)
- All of God's gifts are needed to fulfill His purpose (I Corinthians 12, 14)

# The Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4ff; 8, 10)

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- Available for all (Acts 10-15)
- Affirmation of God's presence and anointing for service (Acts 4)
- Accompanied by the joy of praising and praying with tongues (Acts 2, 8, 19)



# The Baptism with the Spirit

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- The experiential gateway to all the manifestations of the Spirit
- I Corinthians 12-14: available according to:
  - The sovereign will of God; AND
  - The willing heart of the believer



# The Holy Spirit:

## Empowering The Call (Luke 10, John 7, John 15)

- Anointed declaration and demonstration
- The Gospel seen in word and works
- We live for the glory of God and the good of others (II Corinthians 5:14-6:2)



**Any lasting  
impact on others  
is through the  
power of the  
Holy Spirit**



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# A History of Supernatural Grace



- Missionary advance empowered by the Spirit
- Ecstatic experiences in all Christian traditions
- 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> C Pentecostal/Charismatic explosions: answering **The Call!**

# A Pause to Reflect

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- OK, we agree this is biblical and wonderful – how do we prepare for these empowering experiences?
- Remember, experiences are not virtues and tongues and miracles are not equal to maturity!



# A Personal Testimony

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- I received this empowerment 30 days after receiving Christ as Savior
- My mentors demonstrated what it means to be a “thinking Pentecostal”
- It is a delight – and necessity – to pray with the Spirit every day!



# Experiencing God's Empowerment

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- Our attitude: faith and humility (Luke 10-11; Hebrews 11:6; I Peter 5)
- Our aspiration: anointed for **The Call!**
- Our action: receiving in faith and having the courage to step out!



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- Overcoming fear (Joshua 1)
- Obedience to the revealed will of God
- Open to new experiences in Christ



# God's Invitation: Ephesians 3:20

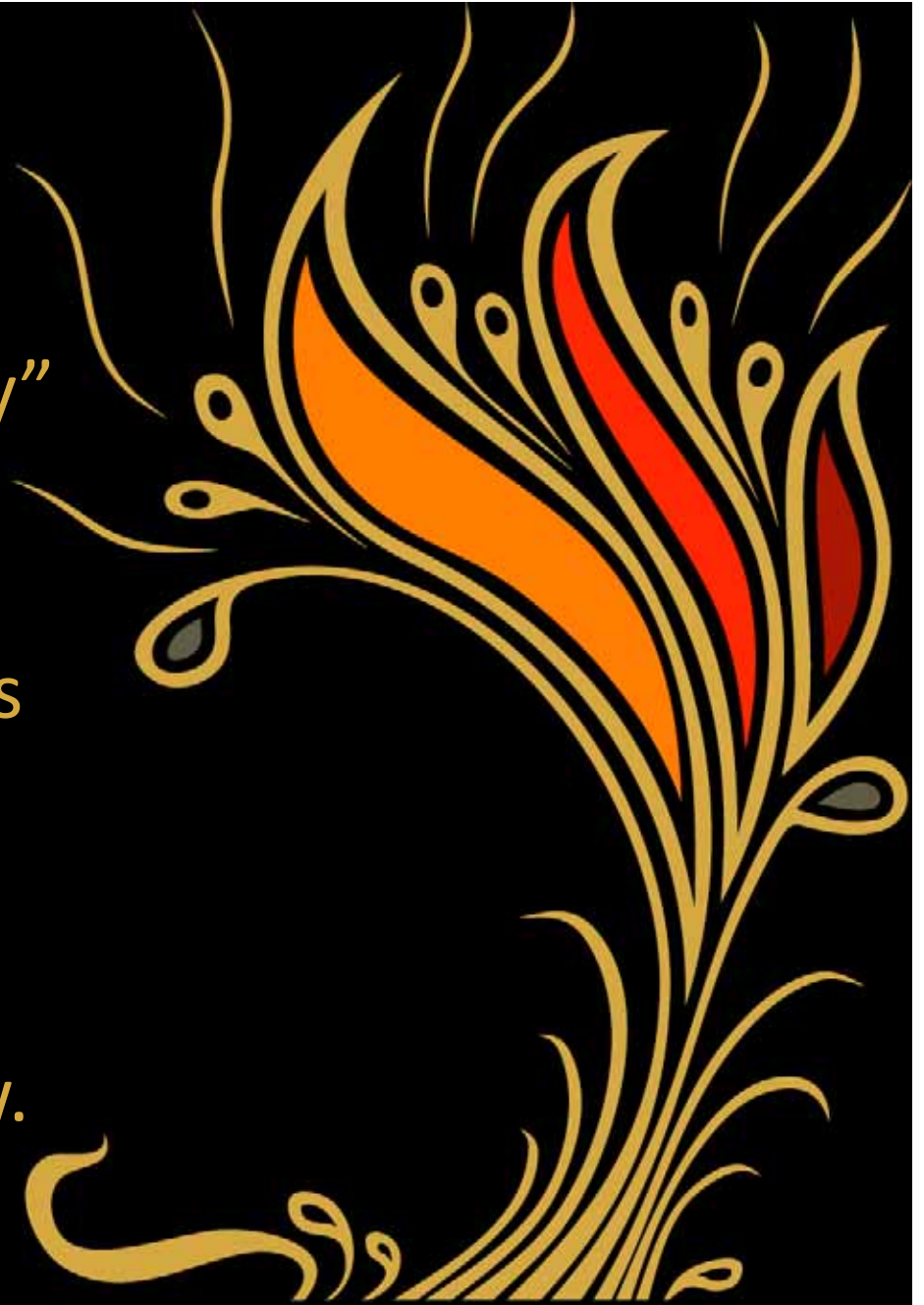
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- Let's move from fear to faith
- Let's mature from ignorance to insight
- Let's receive and release the love of Christ



# This Wednesday

Join us as we “de-mystify” the spiritual gifts, learn how to receive God’s empowering experiences and make ourselves available to the Lord for all the expressions of grace he longs to bestow.



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