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SERMON: The Truth About the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-13, 37-42

Acts 2:1-13 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[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,[b]

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

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37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 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. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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- Everything that can be said of God the Father and God the Son can be said about God the Spirit.
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 - ~ He is not a substitute for God. He is God.

2. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to the church.

- He brings gifts (*Ephesians 4:1-16*) and He bears fruit. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

3. The Holy Spirit empowers the church.

- **Acts 1:8** *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.*

4. The Holy Spirit blesses us.

- Convicts us of sin and righteousness.
- Teaches us the truth.
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Two items you need to be aware of:

1. Martha and I want you to know how much all of you mean to us. While we have felt this in our heart about you for years, your ministry to us over the last few months has been one of the many blessings in our lives.

This is the way Martha describes it: "I feel that the church has 'swaddled' me in their love and prayers."

Martha will have a follow up surgery June 3. While the margins were clear from the first surgery, the pathology report indicated that additional margin would be helpful. This will give us additional peace of mind about her future.

While it will be surgery and she will have to stay overnight, it is certainly not to the extent of the first surgery.

We are so thankful for God's blessings and all of you fit very much at the center of those blessings.

2. Today you will get to hear the Christian testimony of Carl Doescher. As you have been made aware, Carl is coming to us in view of a call as Minister to Junior High Students at FBC Covington.

Carl has served in this position in an interim capacity since January. We have had an opportunity to get to know him and for him to get to know us. He has met with our pastoral team and has joined us in our team meetings. He has also been interviewed by our personnel team, and they are unanimously recommending that he be called to this ministry position.

He will give his testimony today, and we will vote on the recommendation of the personnel team Wednesday evening at 6:45.

