



Feast of the Pentecost

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“The Holy Spirit descended on the pure disciples as tongues of fire, seen by all who were gathered; for Christ, to whom is due glory, said, “I came to send fire.”¹

The divine nature of the Holy Spirit is fire, as it is written, “For our God is a consuming fire.”²

For this reason, St. Paul pleaded with the believers not to quench the Spirit.³

The Spirit you have within you is fire; do not extinguish Him. When the Holy Spirit works in our hearts, our hearts become inflamed, ignite; how?

Our relationship—the bond between us that binds us—is the Holy Spirit. He made us members of the one body of Christ Jesus. These members deal with each other through the Holy Spirit, loving each other with one heart.

Honorifics are of no value, because Christians love each other with a pure heart because of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God.

All deeds the faithful do are mighty deeds, because they are done by the Spirit of God.

When they deal with people, their conduct is sincere, keeping the commandments with power. They truly humble themselves because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. They conduct themselves according to the Spirit of God; they are truthful even unto death.

But if someone does not conduct themselves according to the Spirit, they will deal with every person and different situations according to their own desire. They are white with the white, and black with the black because they do not have the Spirit of God.

Those with many faces and consciences are against the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth.

Many will say to those who walk according to the Spirit of truth, ‘If you live your life that way you will lose; you will suffer; you have to deal with people according to their nature and inclinations.’

¹ Luke 12: 49

² Hebrews 12: 29

³ 1 Thessalonians 5:19

But when we are filled with the Holy Spirit the Comforter, He comforts the faithful and grants peace. He is against fear; the Spirit of God dwells in me; whom shall I fear? Man? The future?

The Holy Spirit filled the Apostles with courage. They faced kings and emperors; they faced suffering and the sword with courage.

The Biblical commandments are:

“...do not quench the Spirit.”⁴

“Walk in the Spirit.”⁵

“...be filled with the Spirit.”⁶

“...do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.”⁷

“...endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”⁸

Repeat these verses. Ask God, ‘Help me abide by Your commandments, not to disappoint the Spirit of God that dwells in me.’

How can I please the Spirit?

Repentance pleases God. Sinful conduct displeases the Holy Spirit.

To lean toward the world and its lusts will quench the Spirit. If I am following the world and its lusts, I will quench the Spirit. Even if I have been praying, my prayers are lukewarm.

But when I am filled with the Spirit of God, my prayers will have a different flavour. Prayers with tears, supplications, with all your heart; sincere prayer.

When the disciples prayed in the Spirit, the house they were in was shaken, and they performed signs and wonders; they were filled with the Spirit.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to fill your being, your heart, and your mind, let Him lead you to the Truth.

Glory be to God. Amen.”

⁴ 1 Thessalonians 5:19

⁵ Galatians 5:16

⁶ Eph. 5: 18

⁷ Ephesians 4: 30

⁸ Ephesians 4:3