

Keeping In Step With The Spirit

Acts 1:6-8 (ESV)

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time RESTORE THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL?"

7 He (JESUS) said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Pastor Jack Hayford - "The Spirit-filled condition does not stop with a single experience, but is maintained by continually being filled!"

Acts 2:1-4 (ESV)

1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Romans 8:1-11 (ESV)

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are IN CHRIST JESUS.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who **walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on **the things of the flesh**, but those who **live according to the Spirit** set their minds on **the things of the Spirit.**

6 For to **set the mind on the flesh is death**, but to **set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

7 For the mind that is **set on the flesh is hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

8 Those who are **in the flesh cannot please God.**

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Anyone who **does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the **Spirit is life** because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

1 John 2:6 (ESV) - whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Galatians 5:16-25 (ESV)

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit.**

Acts 2:37-47 (ESV)

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 And Peter said to them, "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 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1. We hunger and thirst for righteousness!

Acts 2:42 (ESV) – And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Matthew 5:6 (ESV) - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Philippians 3:18 (ESV) - For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

2. We live with a sense of awe!

Acts 2:43 (ESV) – And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

3. We forsake selfishness and embrace generosity!

Acts 2:44-45 (ESV)

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

*They spent time together,

*They shared,

*They cared.

D. L. Moody - "I believe firmly that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and everything that is contrary to God's law, the Holy Spirit will fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and conceit and ambition and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. We must be emptied before we can be filled."

4. We love to fellowship with those with a like precious faith!

Acts 2:46 (ESV) – And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

2 Peter 1:1 (ESV) - Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained A FAITH OF EQUAL STANDING WITH OURS by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:1 (NKJV) - Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

Isaiah 29:13-14 (ESV)

13 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

14 therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

5. We have an impacting testimony!

Acts 2:47a (ESV) – praising God and having favor with all the people.

6. We live for Kingdom expansion!

Acts 2:47b (ESV) – And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 5:14-15 (ESV)

14 And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

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