

## 111024 sunday night

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Tonight, the Lord sees fit I'm going to kind of be maybe preaching and teaching and talking and I'm not really sure, but I feel led of the Lord tonight to talk to you about some basics that we as a Pentecostal church believe in. We, uh, the way we see the scripture, the Holy Ghost has put it on my heart just to kind of take you through, show you some different things. Sometimes I think, Brother Terry, it does us good to go back and just lay some foundations over and make sure that we see in the Word of God why we believe what we do believe.

If you've got your Bibles, go with me to the book of John, chapter 16. We're going to read one verse. Keep your Bibles because we're going to be going through it tonight.

I guess if I had to title it, I'd title it Have You Been Beneath the Fountain? John, chapter 16, we're going to read one verse. That would be verse 7. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away.

For if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you. But if I depart, I will send him unto you. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth.

It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I go not away, the Comforter or the Holy Ghost will not come unto you. But if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Truly in this passage of Scripture, we read where Christ is warning His disciples of the suffering that's to come their way after His crucifixion and ascension back to heaven. He goes in, starts telling them about the work of the great Holy Ghost of God. And I don't know about you here tonight, but I'm so thankful for the great Holy Ghost of God.

I'm thankful for the third person of the Trinity. I'm so thankful that there is a Father, there is a Son, and there is a Holy Ghost. I'm thankful that they are three in one.

And I'm thankful for the moving and the manifestation of the great Holy Ghost. In this passage of Scripture, Jesus was telling His disciples, I know y'all don't understand why it is that I have to go away. But it is for your best.

It is for your good that I go away. Because if I don't go away, then the Comforter, or the Holy Ghost, will not come back. You see, at that moment in time, Jesus had been walking upon this earth in the flesh.

That was when God was present on the earth in the flesh. He knew that there was a time coming that He was going to go back and that God was going to saturate this earth with the presence of His Spirit. While Jesus was still here in the flesh, He could not send the Holy Ghost back.

But once He got to heaven, once He ascended to the throne, and was at the right hand of God, He could pray to the Father, and the Father could send back the Holy Ghost. Can you say amen? Now, I want you to go over with me to John chapter 20. There's all kinds of different doctrines and beliefs.

Some people will say, when I got saved, I got the Holy Ghost. I've heard some people say, you're not saved until you're baptized in the Holy Ghost and you speak in unknown tongues. I can't find that in the Word of God.

I cannot find that, y'all. I'm sorry. I've looked for it.

I cannot find it. The thief on the cross never spoke in tongues, Brother Tim. But Jesus told him, this day, you'll be with me in paradise.

This day. I don't care how you slice it and dice it and try to tiptoe around it. It's the blood that washes away your sin.

It is the blood that gets you ready to meet Jesus. With us, can you say amen? Now listen to me. We as Pentecostals, we have always said that when you get saved, you get Jesus and then you get the Holy Ghost.

There is some truth to that, but there's also some error in that. I'm fixing to ruffle some feathers. All right.

Bear with me. John chapter 20. Let me bring you up to speed.

Jesus had been crucified. He'd been placed in the tomb and he came forth in a glorified body. So starting over about, let's see.

Let's look at John 20, verse 19. If you got it, say amen. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

When he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. 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. Now look at me.

In that moment, Jesus was in his glorified state and he's talking to them. When he breathed on them, that is when he breathed the Spirit of God. There is a direct correlation with that and what happened over in Genesis 2, verse 7. When God had created man and put him in the garden, Genesis 2, 7 said, And the Lord God formed a man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

The word there for breathe is the Hebrew word ruach which is translated the same word here.

Now listen, we've always taught that right here Jesus was telling them, Receive the Holy Ghost on down the line. But the word right there, I told you this is gonna be different.

Bear with me, I'm going somewhere. The word right there where he said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost, that word receive ye properly translated means right now. Receive my spirit.

And just like God breathed life into Adam in the garden, in the upper room, in that moment is when Jesus breathed on them and breathed his Spirit into them and they came alive. They came spiritually alive. Hold on, y'all just bear with me.

I ain't done. Let's go over to Acts chapter 2. Let's look at Acts chapter 1. What did he say? But ye shall receive power. Now listen, this is after he had breathed on them and they had received sonship.

They had received his life-giving Spirit. This is after they were saved. Can we say amen? In this passage, Jesus said, But ye shall receive power.

What? After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me. Both in Jerusalem of Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Now remember, the Spirit had already moved in, in sonship.

But Jesus was saying, Hold on, there's a little bit more for you. Hold on, there's something else coming your way. Move on over to Acts chapter 2. 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. There's that wind or that breath again. And it filled all the house where they were sitting.

There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it shed upon each of them. And they were all filled. Say it with me.

They were all filled. One more time. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Bear with me. Let's go on a little bit further. Acts chapter 4. Look at verse 31.

Let me bring you up to speed. Peter and John had been put in prison. They had healed a man.

They had been carried before the jail or carried into the jail and they got released. They got together with the rest of the church. Verse 31 says, And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together and they were all what? Filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the Word of God with boldness.

You want to know a sure sign that you've got the Holy Ghost? You just can't keep it to yourself. When you're baptized in the power of God's great Holy Ghost, you want to tell everybody. You're going to find a way to bring it up.

You're going to tell everybody you know just what Jesus has done for you. You want to tell everybody about this life changer, chain breaker, miracle working man from Galilee. If you say you've got the Holy Ghost but you find it hard to talk about Jesus, you ain't got the Holy Ghost.

I'm fully persuaded that God's great Holy Ghost brings you a fire and a witness. Can you say amen? But listen to me. Let's look over in chapter 8 of Acts.

They were having a big revival down in Samaria. Unclean spirits were being cast out. People that practiced witchcraft and the dark arts were bringing all their stuff and they were burning it.

I mean they was having them a time. People was believing on the Lord. People were getting saved and they were getting baptized.

Look at me. Look with me at verse 12. I'm sorry.

Look with me at verse 12. Acts chapter 8 verse 12. Listen.

But when they believed, look at me real quick. Look at me real quick. How do you get saved? Believe it.

Are we in agreement? That's how you get saved. That's how you get saved. So and when they believed Philip, the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized both men and women.

Now listen to me. Listen to me. Did you baptize a lost man? Did you baptize a sinner? So these people were saved, right? These people were in the fold.

Are we in agreement? Verse 13. Then Simon himself believed also. And when he was baptized, he continued with Philip and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

Now listen. Now when the apostles, which were at Jerusalem, heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John, who when they were come down, prayed for them that they might, what? Receive the Holy Ghost. They'd been baptized.

They were saved. Their sins were gone. Their sins were gone.

They had the spirit of God in their heart. But there was still something else. There was still a little bit more.

My question to you tonight, don't you want everything that God has for you? Don't you want it all? Bear with me. I'm not done with this passage. Who when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost.

For as yet he was fallen upon none of them, only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Listen. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Verse 18, and when Simon saw that the Holy Ghost was given. I've heard people say, Brother

Kenny, there's absolutely no record of them speaking in tongues in this passage of Scripture. I agree, but I'll tell you this.

Simon saw something moving on them people. My Lord, and I feel it moving on me right now. Simon saw something moving on them people when Peter and John laid hands on them.

When Simon saw that through the laying on of hands, the Holy Ghost was given, he wanted that power. People wonder why we hop around, we dance around, we jump around. I say it like this.

You go over there, and you put your finger in that 220 outlet, you're going to jump, you're going to hop, you're going to shake, you're going to do something. You don't have to do it that way all the time, but there is something that will move on you when the Holy Ghost comes. Can you say amen? Let me say this.

Not everybody has to shout the same. There's people I've seen stand there and weep under the power of God. It's just as real.

It's just as deep. It's as much the Holy Ghost as the person that's running up and down the aisles. There's different manifestations, but it's the same spirit.

Can you say amen? Listen. Let's look over in chapter 10. Let me bring you up to speed here.

Peter went to preach to the Gentiles. Tell them about the way. Peter was telling them all about the way and telling them about Jesus and how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power, how he went about doing good.

Look with me in verse 44. Are you there? While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished as many as came with Peter because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? Let me tell you, just like he poured the Holy Ghost out in Acts chapter 2, Acts chapter 4, Acts chapter 8, Acts chapter 10, God in heaven, Sister Carol, is still pouring the Holy Ghost out for people these days, these last days. We're living in a wicked and adulterous generation, Brianna. We're facing devils that we've never thought would have to face, fighting mind battles, but there is a power in God's great Holy Ghost.

Let me tell you, there is a power, a strength, in God's great Holy Ghost that'll lift you up to where you don't have to go around with your head hung in defeat. Oh, but wait. There's more.

Go with me over to Acts chapter 19. And it came to pass that while, verse 1, that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus and finding certain disciples, look at me, is a disciple a lost man? Is a disciple a saved child of God? Okay.

Paul said to them, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? Have you received? They already believed, Brother Terry.

They were disciples. But oh, Paul wanted to tell them that there was more, that there was a fountain they could get under. He said unto them, have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? They said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

He said unto them, unto what then were you baptized? And they said unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John barely baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. Now when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus once again.

Let me ask you something. Did you baptize a lost man? No. They were saved, weren't they? Oh, so they had got baptized.

Now look with me. In verse 6, when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied. Let me tell you, there is still a time when God's Holy Ghost comes on the scene.

You don't have to wonder if you got it. You don't have to guess if you got it. You don't have to ask your brother if you got it.

But there's still evidence that comes with the Holy Ghost from heaven. He announced his arrival and let you know he has taken up his abode. It ain't about the tongue.

It ain't about the tongue. Somebody said, why is it that the Holy Ghost uses your tongue to announce his arrival? Because the tongue is an unruly beast full of deadly poison no man can tame. But there is a Holy Ghost.

When you get full of his power, Brother Billy, and you yield to that power, I'm here to tell you you'll start praising him in English and before you know it, there's a language coming out of you. Ain't no man ever taught you. Ain't nobody ever taught you.

It's a heavenly language. It's a holy language. And it's still real in 2024.

If the Holy Ghost can get a hold of your tongue, he can move in. If you yield to him enough that you give him that unruly beast, he can take up his residence. Let me tell you this.

I've been in churches where they're all about the tongue, but they ain't got no power. Seek the Holy Ghost. Seek the power of God.

The tongue's just automatically come. You don't have to seek a tongue. I've said it before.

I'll say it again. It's like when I go down there to get me a pair of shoes, I'm telling you when me and Jennifer go to get me shoes, I don't tell that person I need a set of shoes and some tongues to go with it. All I gotta say is give me a brand new pair of shoes.

They'll put me on a new pair of shoes and the tongues just come with it. That's the way the Holy Ghost is. You don't have to seek a tongue.

You seek the Holy Ghost and the tongues will come with it. I see too much emphasis put on tongues, but I also see not enough emphasis put on tongues. We believe in speaking in tongues.

We believe it's real. We believe it's right. We don't believe in junk.

We don't believe in mumbo jumbo disorder. There's a time that God's Spirit will move and speak to the congregation like this morning and it's supposed to be interpreted, but there's a time that the Holy Ghost might move on Brother Tim and he's speaking in a language he don't have to interpret it. That's his Spirit speaking directly to God.

I don't know why I'm saying all this. Let me tell you, you want to go deeper, you want to get beneath the fountain, get filled with the Holy Ghost. I don't want to see a church try to do anything without the Holy Ghost.

I don't want to see us attempt to do anything without the Holy Ghost. We need the Holy Ghost when we testify. We need the Holy Ghost when we play our instruments.

We need the Holy Ghost when we sing. We need the Holy Ghost when we preach. We need the Holy Ghost when we pray.

We need to get so deep in the Holy Ghost we find out what our spiritual gift is and let God use us. Go over to 1 Corinthians chapter 12. You get baptized in the Holy Ghost, that's the beginning.

1 Corinthians 12 verse 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another divers kinds of tons, to another the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and selfsame Spirit dividing to every man severally as he wills.

Listen to me. God's got a gift for every one of you in this house. It's up to you to get in the Holy Ghost and pray this out.

It is up to you to get in your prayer closet and seek the Lord and let Him baptize you in His power and give you the gift that He wants you to operate in. Have you been beneath the fountain? Like I said, salvation, we can go to heaven with salvation. We can go to heaven with salvation.

Let me tell you, but the Holy Ghost makes the trip. All the sweeter. The Holy Ghost makes the trip.

All the sweeter. It's worth every time you have to push the plate back. It's worth every time you have to travail in prayer.

Oh, not long. It's worth every heartache. It's worth every valley, every mountain you have to climb.

My question to you, have you been beneath the fountain? I look in the upper room, they went beneath the fountain. I look over in Acts chapter 4, they went beneath the fountain. Acts chapter 8 in Samaria, they went beneath the fountain.

Acts chapter 10 in Cornelius, they went beneath the fountain. Acts chapter 19, the coast of Ephesus, they went beneath the fountain. Have you been beneath the fountain? we can never be the church that God wants Calvary to be if we don't get under the fountain if we don't get under the fountain if we don't get full of God's great spirit we need God's great spirit when we go to Walmart we need God's great spirit in the middle of the night when we wake up sick we need God's great spirit when we're facing persecution on the job we need God's great spirit in all that we do can you say amen a lot of us have the Holy Ghost but does the Holy Ghost have us a lot of us have the Holy Ghost my question is I close does the Holy Ghost have you are you walking in the spirit are you walking in the spirit so you might not fulfill the lust of the flesh

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