

## **Ebenezer Victory Empowerment Church | Sermon Notes (6-12-22)**

*“The Benefits/Effects of the Holy Spirit” (John 16:5-10) By Dr. Sam J. Walker*

### Benefit

- \*Jesus will send a Helper, Who will be an Eternal Presence in our lives.
- He enables us to turn our **Ordinary** into **EXTRAORDINARY**, our **Super** into **SUPERNATURAL**, our **Fear** into **COURAGE** and **BOLDNESS**, and our **Doubt** into **FAITH**.
- He has a lasting, noticeable effect in those whose lives He dwells.

### He was Evident with Peter and John

- Peter was a coward, denied Jesus.
- Because Pentecost has past, they now have a power they once didn't have.
- The lesson in Acts 3:1-11 talks about people laying around the pool and how they left the same way they came.
- Some had been sick for years.
- Peter and John went to pray. They met a lame man on the way who came to the temple every day. But on this day, something happened.
- They told him they didn't have silver nor gold, but they offered what they did have: Holy Spirit power.
- They told him, “In the name of Jesus, get up and walk”.
- The man got up **leaping**, not limping, for joy!
- \*If you've never been there, you're missing something in your salvation experience.

### Some of the **SADDEST** words to be Spoken

- Not the words from the doctor's office
- Not the words about you not getting the job
- Not the words that Bama lost the game last night
- Not that you are out of money or you've been laid off from work
- The **saddest** words for someone to say is that the church is bored, dead or ineffective. Nothing extraordinary happens in the church.
- It's a sad indictment on the house of God.
- Every now and then, on Sunday, something extraordinary should happen at church. Someone should always feel change happening in his/her life.

### Why Something **Extraordinary** Happens

-The something extraordinary doesn't happen because of the pastor's intellectual/academic background nor his oratorical skills.

-What makes it different/what brings life is that the Power of the Holy Spirit lives in those who sing, read the Scripture, pray and preach the Word.

-The Holy Spirit is not biased. He pulls Himself into whomever believes in Jesus Christ.

-When Peter and John were preaching and teaching, the leaders of the community considered them ignorant and unlearned men, but they noticed they have been with Jesus.

-Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, **"And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."**

\*If we read the Bible and the Holy Spirit is not in us, we are reading **dead** words written on paper.

\*When we read under the action and power of the Holy Spirit, it gives **life** to those who read.

-Jesus prepared His apostles for their ministry after His Resurrection.

-In Matthew 10:20, Jesus said, **"for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you."**

-We should yield ourselves over to God, that He might speak through us.

### What are the benefits of Pentecost?

-It is not just an annual celebration.

-Personal story: I was trying to study my sermon on the computer. The Devil didn't want this sermon to be preached nor taught this morning. For some reason, my screen went blank and I lost everything around 1 in the morning.

-The Devil doesn't want us to talk about the power of the Holy Spirit.

-He doesn't want to remind us of the words found in Joel 2:28-29. The verses state, **"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."**

-In the old days, God simply poured out His Spirit on particular individuals like Moses leading Israel out of Egypt.

-Joel prophesied that a day will come when God's Spirit will be poured out on all people.

### The Holy Spirit

-Much controversy and confusion about the Holy Spirit

-He is mentioned frequently in the church.

-Those raised in the church don't know much about Him.

-We call Him an "It".

-You can't "catch" the Holy Spirit.

-More than some mysterious and wonderful power

-More than a momentary, emotional experience

-The Pentecostal Church thinks that because they have "Pentecost" in their name, only they are able to have a true Holy Spirit experience.

-It doesn't matter what denomination you believe in, if you believe in Jesus Christ and have faith in God, you've been filled with the Holy Spirit.

-The sad part about underestimating the Holy Spirit is that it's like walking around a dark, cold house every day all because we fail to turn the light/heat on.

-The only reason some of us don't feel nor operate in the Holy Spirit is because we haven't allowed Him to be turned on in our lives.

-He's too intelligent to come in and take over. We must yield ourselves to Him.

-The Holy Spirit is a Person, 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the God Head.

-He's like H<sub>2</sub>O. He's **solid** like **ice**, **liquid** like **water** and **gas** like **steam**.

-Genesis 1:26 states, "**Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

-God said **US**, not **ME**. (3 persons)

-Each God Head plays a distinct role in Creation and our lives today.

- "Coming To America" movie reference: Eddie Murphy played multiple characters. Each role was crucial to the story's plot.

-God the **Father**, the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**. Each have roles to play.

-The Holy Spirit is the Promised One.

-The Pentecost wasn't Jesus returning.

-The Holy Spirit brought back what was divided in Genesis (The Tower of Babel)

and united all nations.

-Sin is why the church is divided.

-When we receive the truth of the Holy Spirit, we'll teach one Gospel.

-The Holy Spirit makes us grade our own lives, which is similar to teachers letting us grade our own papers in school.

-Instead of **self-exalted** and **self-sufficient**, we become **self-examiners**.

-Jesus doesn't live in our hearts. Why? Because when they stoned Stephen he said he saw Jesus standing on the right side of God in Heaven to welcome Him home.

-The Holy Spirit gives us a lasting effect.

-He gives us spiritual **boldness**.