

Fresh Wind - Fresh Fire

Experiencing
the power of
the Holy Spirit
in our lives
today.

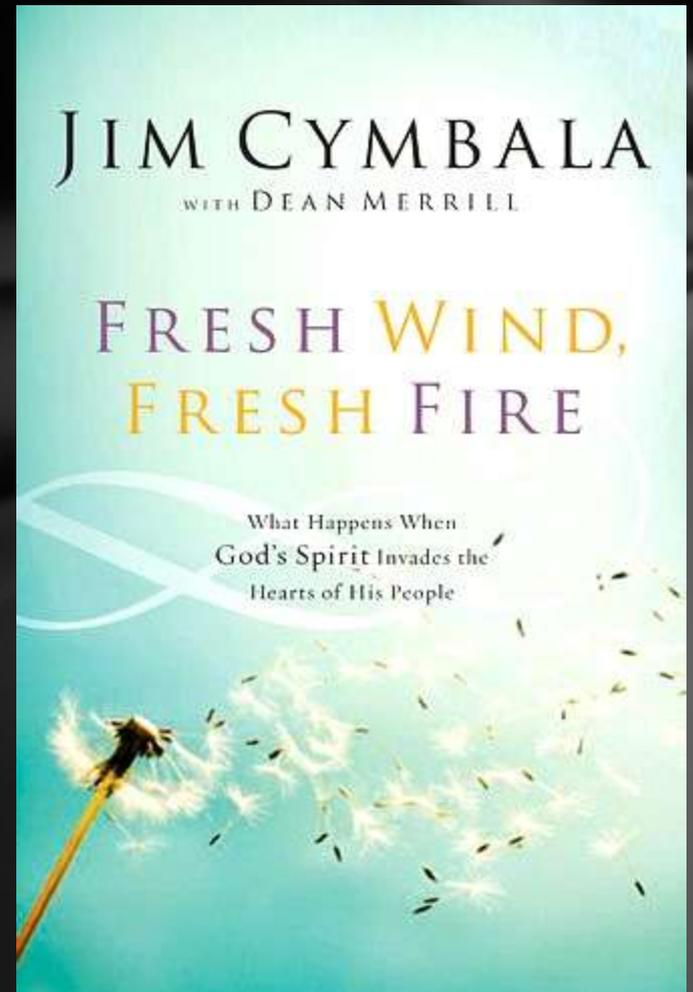


Friday 3. - Sunday 5. February
Central Evangelical Church
a weekend of worship and teaching with Don Palmer,
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Have you got
& read your copy?



Who is this man and why is he
here?

Phase # 1.

The brethren
boy



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Phase # 2.

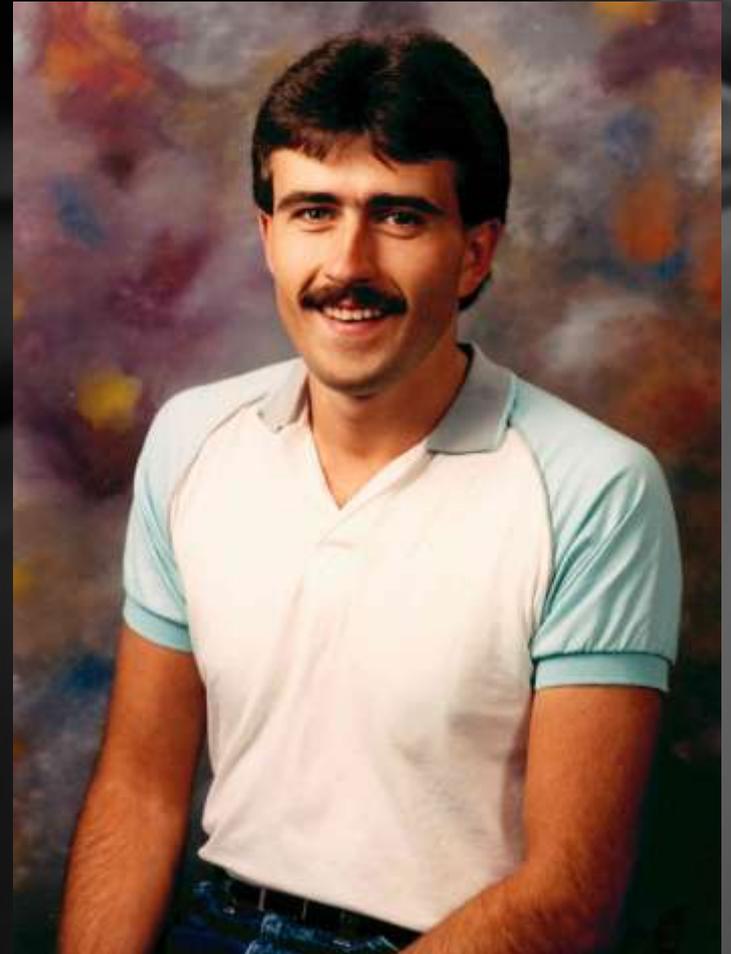
The troubled
boy



Who is this man and why is he
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Phase # 3.

The baptized
boy



Major influences that have shaped me



The Brethren
"missing-links":

1. Spirit
2. Kingdom
3. Word

The “missing-links” of the Brethren

Spirit - we've hopped along on one leg and replaced one of the members of the trinity; because of bad theology, selective reading of scripture and fear.

Kingdom – we've misinterpreted (or ignored) the central message of Jesus, separated ourselves from the world & the body of Christ and become exclusive

Word – we've fallen from grace into legalism, because of pride in our interpretation of scripture. We replaced a sincere love for Christ, Christians, people and the Spirit with a love for Biblical literalism.

Who is the Spirit & what does he do?

IMAGES:

- **Breath**
- Fire
- River
- Oil
- Dove



Everything

John Wesley

The message of the New Testament was that of the gift of a "Spirit which gives life" - a Spirit, not only promised, but actually conferred; which enables people now to live unto God, to fulfill his precepts...and to restore them to that perfect life of God, rather than the ruins of sin and death. The incarnation, preaching, and death of Jesus Christ were designed to model, proclaim, and purchase for us this gift of the Spirit...

If God should send us a Saviour, will it be sufficient for him to announce to us a new law, to give us a set of excellent precepts... or even to place us in a right standing before God? **No, none of this is enough.** Must not then our Saviour be one who "baptizes us with the Holy Spirit," - the Fountain and Restorer of that which we have all lost and which we all lack in order to enjoy and serve God?

"On the Holy Spirit" - St. Mary's, Oxford, on Whitsunday, 1736.

What's in a word?



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The breath of God

“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.” (Gen. 1:2)

“The LORD God formed the man (**adam**) from the dust of the ground (**adamah**) and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a living being.” (Gen. 2:7)

“The **Spirit of God** has made me; the **breath of the Almighty** gives me life.” (Job 33:4)

A loss of breath!

- An early example (Moses: Numbers 11)
- Fleeting glimpses (ie. Bezalel, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Elijah)
- Contrasting experiences (Saul vs. David)
- The Prophetic vision:

“I will put my Spirit on him” (Is. 11:2; 42:1)

“I will pour out my Spirit on them” (Joel 2:28-29)

Isaiah's vision

A shoot will come up from
the stump of Jesse;

from his roots a Branch will
bear fruit.

**The Spirit of the LORD will
rest on him—**

the Spirit of wisdom and of
understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of
might,

the Spirit of the knowledge
and fear of the LORD—

and he will delight in the fear
of the LORD. (11:1-3)

Here is my servant, whom I
uphold,

my chosen one in whom I
delight;

I will put my Spirit on him,

and he will bring justice to
the nations.

He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the
streets.

A bruised reed he will not
break,

and a smoldering wick he
will not snuff out. (42:1-2)

“The Spirit of the LORD will rest upon him”

1. The Spirit of **the LORD** (deity)
2. the Spirit of **wisdom** (skill, ability)
3. and of **understanding** (direction)
4. the Spirit of **counsel** (discernment)
5. and of **might** (power, strength)
6. the Spirit of **knowledge** (instruction)
7. and the **fear** (holiness) of the LORD

The sevenfold Spirit?

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from **the seven spirits** (or **sevenfold Spirit**) before his throne. (Revelation 1:4)

To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds **the seven spirits of God** and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. (3:1)

From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are **the seven spirits of God**. (4:5)

Ezekiel's vision

The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the exiles in Babylonia in the vision given by **the Spirit of God**. (Ezekiel 11:24)

I will give them an undivided heart and put **a new Spirit** in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone & give them a heart of flesh (11:19)

Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and **a new Spirit**. (18:31)

I will give you a new heart and **put a new Spirit in you**; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will put my Spirit in you** and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (36:26-27)

Then He asked me,
“Son of man, can these bones Live?”



“The Valley of Dry Bones” (Ezek. 37)

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: **I will make breath[or spirit] enter you, and you will come to life.** 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; **I will put breath in you, and you will come to life.** Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **Come, Spirit, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.**'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army

14 **I will put my Spirit in you and you will live**...26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers. I will put my sanctuary among them forever.

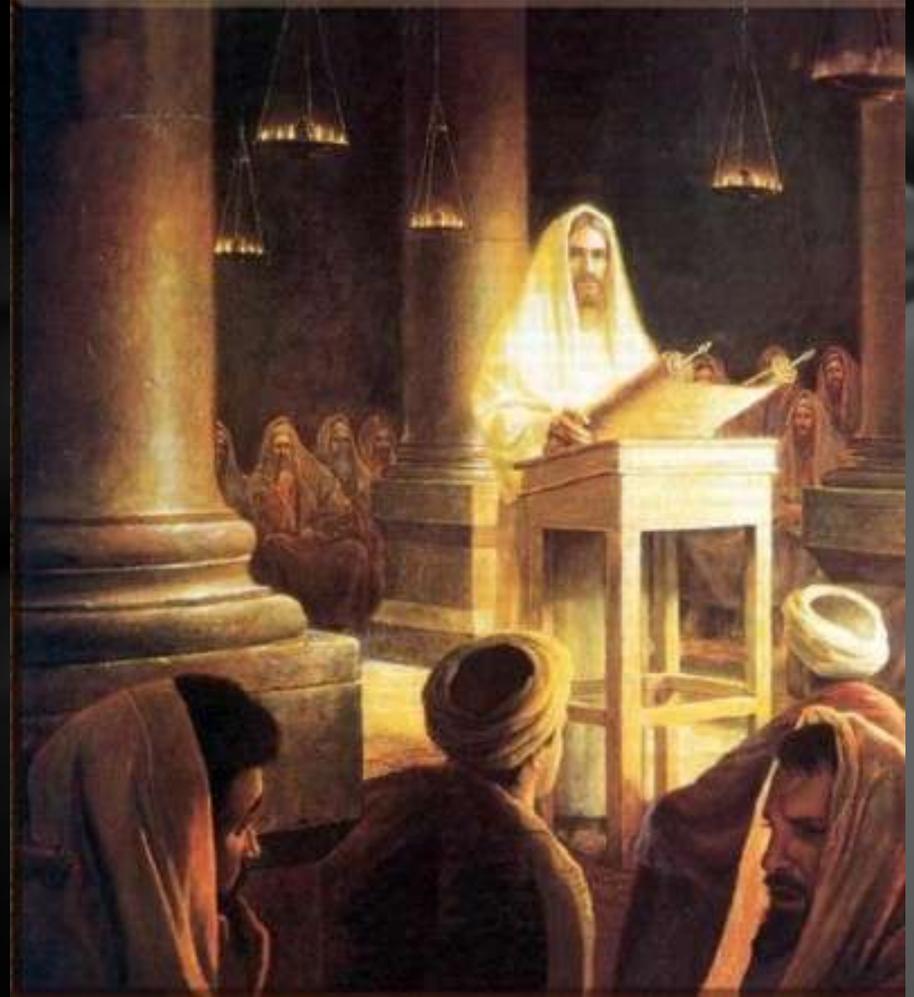
Joel's vision: The great promise

“What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten...A nation has invaded my land, a mighty army without number.” (1:4-6)

“Afterward, **I will pour out my Spirit** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, **I will pour out my Spirit** in those days.” (Joel 2:28-29/ Acts 2:17-18)

The Promise of Jesus

Luke 24:49/
Acts 1:4



The Promise of Jesus.

“I am going **to send you what my Father has promised**; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

(Luke 24:49)

“On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about.” (Acts 1:4)

The testimony of Luke

Acts

2:1-13



A Significant Day!

Passover (1st month 14th)

➤ Unleavened bread (15th)

Firstfruits (aka Weeks)

(50 days after Passover)

Trumpets (7th month)

➤ Day of Atonement (10th)

➤ Tabernacles (15th)

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.”



What did they hear & see?

“they heard...a sound *like* a violent **wind**”

God’s **powerful** presence

“they saw...what *seemed* to be tongues of **fire**”

God’s **purifying** presence

What did they experience?

“All of them were **filled** with the Holy Spirit” ...to control & empower **their lives**

“(All of them) began to **speak** in other tongues” ...to release **their lips** (in worship & witness)

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, **he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear**.....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**. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:32-33, 38-39 (Peter)

Pentecost - once for all?

Incarnation –
once for all?

“The doctrine/ instruction of baptisms” (Heb. 6:2)

Calvary (Friday) –
once for all?

- Positional baptism

(1 Cor. 12:13)

Burial (Saturday) –
once for all

- Pictorial baptism

(Rom. 6:3-4)

Resurrection (Sunday)
– once for all?

- Powerful baptism

(Acts 1:5)

Ascension – once for all

Ron Phillips

The breath of God

Breath to live

Breath to speak

Breath to sing

Breath to kiss

