

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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fresh wind
fresh FIRE

Images of the Spirit

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



THE HOLY SPIRIT



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.

The fire of God

Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your fathers..." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (Ex. 3:5-6)



The fire of God

“I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves about on the ground. I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.” (Lev. 11:44-45)



The fire of God

“I baptize you with (*in, by*) water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with (*in, by*) the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

(Matthew 3:11-15)

The fire of God

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (*languages*) as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:2-4)

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.”



The Harvest is coming!

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)

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 fire of God

“Each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. **It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work.** If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Don’t you know that you yourselves are **God’s temple** and that **God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?**” (1 Cor. 3:10-16)

The fire of God

“Do not put out (quench) the Spirit’s fire .

Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject whatever is harmful.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:12-24)

How to quench the Spirit's fire

Disrespect church
leaders

Promote disunity

Tolerate gossip, laziness
and disruption

Spread discouragement

Ignore the weak brother
or sister

Be impatient for change

Get your own back

Seek your own well-
being first

Stifle joy

Stop praying

Never say thank you

Follow your own will

Look with contempt
on spiritual gifts

Do not be holy!

The fire of God

- The fire that consumes
- The fire that purifies
- The fire that softens
- The fire that warms

