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**The Gift of the Holy Spirit | Acts 2:1-41 | Pastor Bill Curtis | January 21, 2018**

**Sermon Notes**

1. The coming of the Holy Spirit fulfilled Jesus'  . 1-13
2. The coming of the Holy Spirit fulfilled Old Testament

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1. The coming of the Holy Spirit empowered the Church to share the gospel. 22-41

* The gospel reveals God’s  . 22-24
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* The gospel reveals man’s required  . 38-39

 **Journey Group Questions**

1. Throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit of God came upon particular people to enable them to fulfill God-given tasks. We see examples in the lives of Samson, Gideon, Saul, David, and others (Judges 6:34; 14:5-6, 19; 15:14; 1 Sam 11:5-7; 16:13). The New Covenant promises regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit differ, however, in that they describe the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the life of all believers. The beginning of the fulfillment of this promise is what the believers experienced at Pentecost in Acts 2.
	1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, John 15:26, and Ephesians 4:30. What do you learn about the nature of the Holy Spirit from these texts?
	2. Read John 14:15-17, 25-26; 16:7-15. What do you learn about the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer from these texts?
	3. How should these truths transform the way we view the Christian life and our witness as believers in Christ?
2. Last week, we studied the three aspects of our gospel witness (living, sharing, and going). In our study this week, we see these three on display again. Consider how each of these is demonstrated in Acts 2:1-41 and in our own lives as you work through the following questions.
	1. **Living** – The coming of the Holy Spirit and the giving of the gift of tongues caught the attention of lots of people at Pentecost and created an audience prepared to hear Peter’s sermon. How can the power of the Holy Spirit in your life and the life of our church create opportunities like this for us to share/proclaim the gospel?
	2. **Sharing** – When the time was right, the Holy Spirit empowered Peter to stand up and share/proclaim the truth of the gospel to those who were present at Pentecost. How can the power of the Holy Spirit enable us to share/proclaim the gospel to those he brings into our lives?
	3. **Going** – The witness of the believers at Pentecost and Peter’s message had an impact upon people from all over the world. How can the power of the Holy Spirit enable us to reach those nearby and those far off with the gospel?
3. Last week, we were asked to share the names of several family members, friends, or acquaintances who need Christ. How can you begin to be a witness to them more intentionally this week, as you live, share, and go in the power of the Holy Spirit?