

The Day of Pentecost

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It can be helpful to trace the work of the Holy Spirit from Creation to New Creation, to help understand his role, and dynamic power, at work in our world today.

(1) In **John 3** Jesus told the Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel that it was totally necessary for him to receive the Spirit of God, to understand what God, and the Kingdom of God in about.

(2) In **Acts 2:1ff** we read of the outpouring of the Spirit.

(3) **The Spirit's work in Jesus:**

- Luke 1:35 - Mary and the Birth of Jesus by the Spirit
- Luke 4:18 – The Spirit of the Lord now upon Jesus (Isaiah 61:1ff)

(4) **Tracing** the Spirit's Work through Scripture

- Genesis 1:1
- Psalm 33:6
- Numbers 11, Moses
- Judges 14:6;; 15:14 Sampson – Spirit *rushed upon*
- David – to Minister, lead, fight his battles 1Samuel 16, 1 Samuel 17
- Joel 2:28 Outpouring upon all flesh
- Ezekiel 36:26-27 A New Spirit
- Galatians 4:4-6 Knowing the Father – (*Abba* is the Aramaic word for Father)
- 1Corinthians 2:10 The searching role of the Spirit – the depths of God
- *Go on* Being Filled: not drunk with wine, but filled with the Spirit – Ephesians 5:18

Greater than politics

- Zechariah 4:6 Not by might or power, but by the Spirit

Reconciliation:

- (1) The Work of Reconciliation (2Corinthians 5:18ff).
- (2) The Ministry of Reconciliation. (see baptism into ***Spirit oneness*** (1Corinthians 14))
- (3) The Message of Reconciliation. All by the Spirit's power, not manipulation

The Gospel

- Received by faith, and lived in by the Spirit
- works love-building, as the way forward.

Politics:

- has its role, within human affairs and democracy
- but not as 'the way' for the church
- but not as the way for relationships
- but not as the way for true community
- brutal in (1) USA - fires, China – Hong Kong bullying, Australia-mining Aboriginal sites.

Prayer: *That we may be filled and live by the Spirit's power; for others to receive the Spirit.*