



PENTECOST

SUNDAY

«BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE
HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU...» ACTS 1:8

WILLENHALL FREE CHURCH

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Let us begin this morning by singing O Church arise followed by Breathe on me, breath of God.

Luke 24:46-49 (NLT)

46 And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’

48 You are witnesses of all these things.

49 “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

John 14:15-18 (NLT)

15 “If you love me, obey my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

Acts 1:4-5 (NLT)

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

What or whom is the promise?

What does the Holy Spirit give?

The Holy Spirit gives us power to do what?

It's good to see the children here this morning , please join in, and shout or whisper the words in brackets.

Let us watch a video where Jesus gives His final instructions before leaving the disciples.

Matthew 3:11 (NLT)

11 “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Mark 1:8 (NLT)

8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

Luke 3:16 (NLT)

16 John answered their questions by saying, “I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

John 1:33 (NLT)

33 I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

Who baptises with the Holy Spirit?

Did you notice the word that went with being baptised with the Holy Spirit?

What does fire do?

Let us watch a cartoon based on the day of Pentecost

Let us sing Send the Fire

Luke 24:44-48 (NLT)

44 Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

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Let us look at four words that characterises the church and that we need to have to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Unity – Is a witness to the world

Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

- 1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.
- 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.
- 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.
- 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Jesus prays for this unity

John 17:21-23 (NLT)

- 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.
- 22 “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.
- 23 I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

Holiness, righteous living – Is a witness to the world

Ephesians 2:20-22 (NLT)

- 20 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.
- 21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.
- 22 Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

Catholic - When understood is a witness to the world - This is not Roman Catholic but a witness to every tribe, tongue, nation, and ethnic background.

No one is to be left out.

On the day of Pentecost, they heard the gospel in their own language by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:5-12 (NLT)

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.

6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee,

8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

9 Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia,

10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome

11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!"

12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

Revelation 7:9-10 (NLT)

9 After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands.

10 And they were shouting with a mighty shout, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Apostles Teaching. – When we speak the truth about Jesus, as recorded in the Bible, it is a witness to the world, a witness in power, ability, authority and truth

Acts 2:42 (NLT)

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

It's about Jesus, tell the truth about Him as taught in the Bible.

The world at war, gangs, hatred, broken lives, need to see unity. Love and holiness

Individualistic / selfish / lives world needs to see a church that is for everyone

In a world where lies dishonesty, lack of respect, needs to see a church that tells the truth.

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Pastor Kirk talked about Pentecost being the birthday of the Church, how God had prepared a room a place for them, how on that day by receiving the Holy spirit with power they then went and preached the gospel. But something had happened because as they spoke, they were given languages by the Holy Spirit, so that all that heard them. Heard the gospel in their own language.

After Peter had preached at least 3000 were saved.

Let us close this service today by singing Fire