

HELLO, MY NAME IS THE HOLY SPIRIT!
A Friend With Benefits!
I've Got The Power!!!!!!
Acts 2

This morning we enter Week #5 of our Sermon Series entitled, “*Hello, My Name Is The Holy Spirit*”.

- We have learned from Scripture:
 - Who and What the Holy Spirit is.
 - How we get the Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - We know that the Holy Spirit “indwells us” (poses / controls us) as believers of Jesus Christ.

Then we turned the corner with a Sermon entitled, “*A Friend With Benefits*”

- And Jesus tells us in **John 16:12-13**.
 - satan’s landmines, and how we can avoid them.

Today we want to spend some time looking at what the Bible has to say about how the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- Warren Wiersbe says that “*The Holy Spirit came to empower the Church for life and witness.*”

Acts 2:14 - 35

- Peter, yes that same Peter, that had only days early denied that he even knew Jesus Christ, now preaches a Holy Spirit empowered sermon.
 - Where does Peter get his Text for this Sermon, from the Old Testament prophet Joel! (835 BC)
 - Here is a Jew, Peter, preaching to Jews that may have been in the crowd screaming, “*Crucify Him, Crucify Him!*”
 - Peter puts his finger into the chest of the Jews and said the words of **verse #36**.
 - **Verse #37- 38**.
 - The Word of God is boldly preached by the power of the Holy Spirit and look at **verse #42**.

So, what happened to those 3,000 new believers.

- They attended Church when it was convenient.
- They sat in their pews and did not use their new spiritual gifts.

- They never told anyone about this new life in Christ that they now have.
- They gave sporadically but never sacrificially.

“No Way Jose!”

Read Acts 2: 43-47

- Everyone – no one was left out. (verse #43)
- Have we lost the “awe” of what God is doing through the work of the Holy Spirit among us? (verse #43)
- They “were together” and “had all things in common”. (verse #44)
- They begin to release their possession to meet the needs of others. (verse #45)
- They were of one mind. (verse #46)
- They fellowshiped with “gladness” and “sincerity” of heart. (verse #46)
 - They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude. (HCS)
 - They received their food with glad and generous hearts. (English Standard Version).
- Praising God! (verse # 47)
- They had favor with all the people. (verse #47)
 - The early Church did more than make converts they made disciples.
- Then and only then did God add to their number day by day those who were being saved. (verse #47)
 - Their greatest testimony was their love for their Lord and for each other.

You may or may not have ever heard of William “Bill” Faye, but he was a renowned evangelist whose outreach tool “Share Jesus Without Fear” has been used by many to lead 1,000 to a new life in Christ.

- “*The problem with most Christians is that they are ‘spiritually constipated’.*”
 - They sit week after week in the pew and never experience the words of Acts 2:43-47 in their lives.

Vance Havner once said, “ *We are not going to move this world by criticism of it nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God.*”