

Pentecost – Our need today (Pt.1)

Read **Acts 1:12-26**

Jesus appeared to more than 500 after His resurrection (see **1 Cor.15:6**), and here in Acts we only have 120 in the Upper Room. Scholars etc over the years have tried to make suggestions as to why this was (not enough room, gone back to work etc), but one suggestion is that this group that did not remain thought that since they had experienced the risen Lord, they had all they needed – they had received everything there was to receive spiritually. BUT...

There is an encounter, a baptism of the Spirit that both John the Baptist (**Mt.3:11**) and Jesus (**Acts 1:5**) spoke about. One that both empowers us (**Acts 1:8**) and burns within us, burning away the chaff, making us more like Christ (**Mt.3:12; 2 Cor.3:18; Rom.8:29**). It is two fold!

Some people today too, believe that they have received all that they needed at conversion. Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones, a highly regarded Bible expositor said “There is nothing, I am convinced, that so quenches the Holy Ghost (Spirit) with being born again / conversion. People say it happened at conversion, I have got it all! Got it all, well I say to them, then why are you as you are”. Selwyn Hughes comments on this “If you want to believe that you received everything at your conversion, then the question I ask is - What is your spiritual walk like now? Is your life on fire for God? And if not – why not?”

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