

ROCKY RIVER CHURCH
POWER FROM ON HIGH

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KEY VERSE:

Jesus said, “*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.*” -Acts 1:8

□ The **BIG IDEA** in mind: When the Holy Spirit fills God's people, ordinary believers become powerful witnesses for Jesus Christ.

FOCUS TEXT – ACTS 2:1-13

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.

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, ⁸and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia, 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!” ¹²They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

What does **Pentecost** mean? Pentecost means the “50th day,” it’s also known as the **Festival of Weeks**. It commemorates the descent of God’s Holy Spirit on the disciples (followers of Jesus) who were gathered in the upper room. The Day of Pentecost marks the beginning of the Christian Church’s mission to the world.

“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before.”

-Acts 1:4

The word “wind” (**Greek *pneuma***) means Spirit or breath.

Theological truth: Every Christian becomes a living temple (1 Cor. 6:19).

“Filled” (Greek *plēroō*) means “to be controlled or permeated.”

The mark of a Spirit-filled life is not emotionalism but **evangelism** – a desire to declare “*the wonderful things God has done!*”

FOUR WAYS TO APPLY THIS TO OUR LIVES:
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#1. Seek His Filling _____. The Bible says in **Ephesians 5:18** says, “*Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit...*” It’s a continuous command – keep on being filled.

#2. Stay _____. Division quenches the Spirit’s flame faster than anything else in a church. Protect the fellowship of the Church.

“I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” -1 Corinthians 1:10

#3. Speak the Gospel _____. If we are silent – if we don’t tell others about what Jesus has done in our lives – the miracle stops with us. The Spirit still gives words when we open our mouths.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” -2 Timothy 1:7

#4. Serve Beyond _____. Pentecost began a mission to the nations – to all people. Look for ways your life can bridge divides in Jesus’ name.

“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” -Mark 5:16

