

OUR GREAT HELPER
PART 8: IMMERSSED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE EXPERIENCE OF PENTECOST WAS NOT A ONE-OFF EVENT

- Philip at Samaria (***Acts 8:4-8, 12-13 NKJ***)
 1. He preached Christ to them
 2. Miracles were taking place - and there was great joy in the city
 3. Men and women were baptized - including a former witchdoctor, Simon
- But wait there's more (***Acts 8:14-20 NKJ***)
 1. Salvation had come to Samaria - they had received the Word of God
 2. Peter and John prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit
 3. Something happened when Peter and John laid hands on them

MORE HOLY SPIRIT OUTPOURINGS

- On the Gentiles (surprise surprise) (***Acts 10:38-40, 43 NKJ***)
 1. Peter proclaimed Jesus to Gentiles
 2. The Holy Spirit poured out (***Acts 10:44-47 NKJ***)
- On new believers in Ephesus (***Acts 19:1-6 NKJ***)
 1. If they received everything at the new birth
 2. These disciples of John the Baptist had yet to receive Jesus
 3. And then Paul laid hands on them

WHY THE CONTROVERSY?

- Reasons the Baptism in the Holy Spirit has sparked division
 1. The enemy - think Satan wants empowered believers?
 2. Passed away theology (***1 Corinthians 13:8 NKJ***)
 3. Fear (***1 Corinthians 14:32-33 NKJ***)

A LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Two tribes did not want to enter the Promised Land (***Numbers 32:2, 4-7 NKJ***)
 1. They chose land on the east side of the Jordan
 2. They were satisfied to not go into the land God had promised
- Moses wasn't having it
 1. Why will you discourage the hearts of Israel
- A compromise was reached (***Numbers 32:16-18 NKJ***)
 1. The two tribes would help Israel possess what belonged to them from the Lord
- The main lesson is do not discourage your brothers and sisters in Christ
 1. If you are content with where you are in the Lord - fine
 2. But don't discourage others from receiving what God has provided for them