

**“The Irresistible Influence of a Spirit-Drenched Life”**  
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**PROP- Jesus will transform the world—through a people drenched with the Holy Spirit.**

**1. RADICAL SHIFT IN CULTURES**

- **O.T.- “VISITATION CULTURE”**
  - Momentary encounters at altars, tabernacle, temple
- **N.T.- “HABITATION CULTURE”**
  - John 1:33- “(Holy Spirit) remaining on (Jesus)”
  - John 14:16-17- “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever”

**2. ACTS 2—THE BEGINNINGS OF A SPIRIT-DRENCHED CHURCH**

**The restoration of God’s original purpose on the earth→ a people knowing Him fully and carrying His fullness to the world**

**They were “all filled”—to “fill the whole earth with the knowledge of His glory”!!!**

**Acts 2:1ff-  
“Rushing”-**

- *Speed, with force—inwardly motivated*
- *To carry, to bring (announce and supply; bring forward) “gift...promised by the Father” Acts 1:4*
- *To uphold, strengthen—in order to bring into their destiny “you shall receive power...” Acts 1:8*

**“Sound”-**

- *Roaring waves; continuous (“Filled & continually filled)*
- *‘Rumored’- to spread widely—influencing many*

**3. TRANSFORMING INFLUENCE**

**Jerusalem’s climate changed (From “Crucify Him!” → “What must we do to be saved?”)**

**a. Internal climate changed: FROM PANIC → PEACE**

- **Radical change in the spiritual realm: HOSTILE→ HUMBLLED**
- **Romans 16:20- His peace crushes satan under our feet! (Your peace terrorizes the enemy!!!)**
- **“Guarded” and “kept in perfect peace”→ “turned the world upside down”**
- **“More than conquerors”—internal atmosphere so strong—enemy flees**

**b. Their expression changed: FROM COMPLAINING → PRAISE**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:14-17**

- They “spoke of the mighty deeds of God” (Acts 2:11).
- Jerusalem responded to this sound. Instead of grumbling/complaining, they “heard the praises of God—declarations of His mighty works—in their own languages.”
- They shone as lights in the darkness—a sharp contrast to the environment.
- United with one another—yet, even more so, united with the heart of Jesus!!! Their affection for Jesus was taken to a new level—a love that cast out fear!!!

**c. BOLDNESS REPLACED COWARDICE (Dove displaced “chicken”)**

- Peter declared in the same city he had “denied” Christ.
- The early believers were known as those “so (continually) filled with the Holy Spirit” that they “spoke the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31). They were “astonished” at their “great courage” and “they took note that these men had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13).

**RESPONSE**

**NOTE: Holy Spirit is not “flighty”; He is tenacious—one who “broods over chaos”. Honor this amazing relationship by:**

1. **“Not grieve the Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 4:30) Total obedience.**

**“Jesus is not merely One who saves us from hell. He mightily saves us from sin.”- A.W. Pink**

2. **“Not quench the Holy Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19) Refusing to “stop the flow” through unbelief. Inextinguishably abandoned to trust Him to do the seemingly impossible—knowing that our “supernatural” is His natural!**

**NOTE: H.S. is given “without limits” (John 3:34)—any limitation is on our part, not His.**