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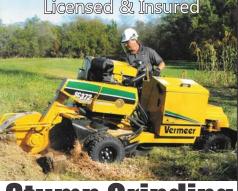


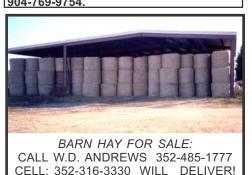






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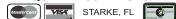
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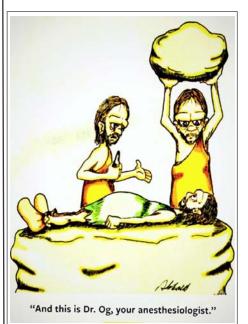
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As Jesus prepared the disciples for His departure, He honored the Holy Spirit's ministry by telling them not to leave home without receiving Him and His power:

Luke 24:49-52: "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.' And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.'

Luke wrote down what Jesus said before He ascended and enlarged upon when He wrote the Book of Acts:

Acts 1:4-8: "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

THE APOSTLE'S PRIORITY

The Apostle Peter urged people to receive this great Gift from God, by saying it was intended for us, our children, and for those who were afar off.

Acts 2:37-39: "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will

You can also see the apostle's priority on receiving the Holy Spirit in the way they quickly sent Peter and John down to Samaria right after Phillip preached the gospel there. They felt it was an essential for new Christians to receive the experience. (Acts 8:14,15)

The Apostle Paul also placed a high priority on receiving the Holy Spirit, which was evident by the first question he asked the men at Ephesus. During his first meeting with them, the first question he asked was, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?" (Acts 19:2)

We need to ask people this same question. We also need to quickly arrange for a time of laying on of hands for new believers. We need to lead our children into it.

One way of making the Holy Spirit a priority in our life and ministry is by letting the words of Jesus seep deep into our own heart. Read them over and over again, stay with it until you feel something of the urgency He

One of the first blocks we need to remove in order to receive the Holy Spirit and His power, is begin to appreciate the austere privilege of what has been made available to us.

The prophet Joel stood and prophesied to his generation an amazing promise that God had held in His heart from the beginning. It must have startled those who first heard it: "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days." (Joel 2:28-29)

Don't let the familiarity of this text reduce its impact on you. Just think, God was speaking of a time when people of all ages, genders, and social strata could receive the Holy Spirit. This becomes most significant when we compare it to the fact that throughout Israel's history, only a handful of people had ever experienced the Holy Spirit coming upon them. Listen to this prophecy through the ears of a common man in Israel, who could not have hoped for such a great privilege, one previously reserved only for Prophets, Kings, and Judges. The Holy Spirit was too holy. Too awesome. Too powerful. In fact, theyonly equated the work of the Holy Spirit with miraculous displays of power throughout their history. This promise could only imply that God intended the entire nation to become endued with the same miraculous power that kept the people towards God and kept their enemies subdued. What would it look like to have a vast army of young Elijah's or Deborah's?

Surely Joel was prophesying over their heads, even as he is ours today. We often lack the historical perspective needed to appreciate the privilege of receiving the Holy Spirit. If the reality of this privilege ever seeps into our consciousness, we will never again be able to dismiss it as an "option" or an "excess" enjoyed by those who don't know any better. On the other hand, neither would we be able to flippantly coax someone to receive the Holy Spirit as a "neat thing". He is not a "pick-me-up" or a "morale booster that will make your day". Instead, we would pray with people in hushed tones and with moist eyes, telling them that they are about to partake of the incomparable Promise of God.

One of our blocks is that we fail to appreciate what we have been promised. When Jesus was preparing the disciples for His departure, He assured them that the same Holy Spirit, who had been with them indirectly through Him, would soon be in them. In other words, Jesus was leading them to the source. All of this was happening to fulfill a timeless promise. The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father and the Gift of the Son. The idea behind the word "promise" is that of a special pledge to do something which is not a result of negotiation. The promise was given only because the One who offered it was being gracious, not because it had been earned or insisted upon. No one could earn such a privilege. In fact, no one could have negotiated for it either, because the very idea was inconceivable to the Jewish mind. For them, it was hard to grasp that God would even promise them the Holy Spirit. Such a grand idea could only have been God's, overflowing out of His big heart towards us. Re-read the following verses in light of this:

Luke 24:49: "Behold, I send the **Promise** of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5: "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise** of the Father 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

Acts 2:33: "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear."

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Acts 2:38-39: "Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

One day as I was meditating on this, I realized that God had given me the same Holy Spirit He had given Moses, Elijah, Paul, and even Jesus. It was a stirring thought to consider that I did not get a diluted Holy Spirit, or a geared-down version. He is the same Holy Spirit of the Old Testament, and His work and ministry is not modified to suit us, nor is He diminished in power. The only difference is that He has been made available to more people than ever before!