

Message preached on Sunday Morning, October 26, 2025

We've been on a series on defeating and destroying apathy. *A lack of emotion, passion or excitement about something.* When apathy is regarding the things of God...we are in trouble. We get stuck...not moving forward...bored.

God doesn't want us stuck...without passion.

That is why He gave us the Holy Spirit...to keep us moving and passionate.

When Jesus was ready to ascend into Heaven...He told his disciples...go to Jerusalem and wait... don't do anything until you receive His gift.

Acts 1:4,5

- And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.
- For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

UNDERSTAND: What Jesus knew...without the Holy Spirit empowering them, they would get stuck, wore down, lack passion...want to quit.

BELOVED: This doesn't mean that you won't do things...but they won't necessarily be the right things... God things...God's plans.

NOTE: A lot of churches doing a lot of things...but not moving towards God's plan.

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH: "We are commanded in Scripture to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to the measure you fail at this you are that far short of the plan of God for your life."

THINK OF THIS: They were told to go and wait...don't do anything...so they go and pray (good), fellowship (good) and vote in a new disciples (huh?)!

They voted in Matthias to take Judas' place. Was it the right choice? Eh...who knows. A lot of people say it was not the right choice...that they should have waited for Paul.

John 7:37-39

- In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, *If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*
- He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
- 39 (*But this spake he of the Spirit,* which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

NOTICE: Jesus said, "Come to me and DRINK." Not come to me and think.

The church has too many thinkers and not enough drinkers. If you drink better, you will think better.

Drink Better! 2

CIRCLE OF VICTORY: The most important thing we will do is to control our thought life...our SOUL. What we normally do is spend our time THINKING through assessing our FLESH and make decisions based on our flesh.

What we were created to do is to let the Holy Spirit effect our spirit and make decisions based on that.

We need to drink more!

Ephesians 5:18,19

- And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

You can't drink with your mouth shut!

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

- And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

NOTICE: The Holy Spirit...the GIFT...had come. They drank!

QUESTION: How much did they drink?

Acts 2:14,15

- But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
- 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

 NOTICE: They drank...they were drunk!

a.) Paul had to explain to the visitors what was going on!

MARK HANKINS: "You don't have a church where the Holy Spirit moves if you don't have to ex plain things to the visitors."

They didn't quench the spirit.

- **THINK** of Paul's failure during the crucifixion. Denying Jesus three times. That would have been a GREAT opportunity for him to get stuck...decide to stop...go back to fishing (which he did).
- **YET...**when the Holy Spirit came...he was the speaker...the Holy Spirit will help you fulfill your plans...to get you unstuck!

b.) They were happy drunks. :-)

- **BELOVED:** That is one thing regarding the Holy Spirit...He only makes happy drunks. The more you drink...the more happy you get.
- Romans 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and *joy in the Holy Ghost."*
- <u>Hebrews 1:9</u> "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."
- <u>Isaiah 61:3</u> "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, **the OIL of joy for mourning**, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified."

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<u>James 1:2</u> – "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;"

LAUGH at the impossibilities.

LAUGH in the face of the storm.

LAUGH at the lies of the devil.

LAUGH when the enemy tells you that you can't.

LAUGH at lack.

LAUGH at the wolves in the weeds.

UNDERSTAND: The Holy Spirit wasn't given to them just so they could have good services...but to CHANGE their world.

Acts 2:41 - 3,000 were added to the church.

Acts 4:4 - 5,000 were added to the church

UNDERSTAND: Fire makes room for new life...water germinates new life...etc.

CHURCHES don't necessarily need more programs...but more Holy Spirit.

God desires the world to receive Jesus and the church to receive the Holy Spirit.