The Holy Spirit's Coming

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How do you know if the Holy Spirit genuinely lives within? What is the evidence you are truly a Christian. Is there an experience that every Christian ought to have to confirm that they have been filled with power from on high? In Acts chapter 2, something was about to radically change the way life was lived... forever. A shift was about to take place in the Spiritual plane.

That cataclysmic shift was the "Indwelling" of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has always been here.

This was a special coming to indwell the believer – known as Baptism.

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The World on Fire

The announcement of His coming – 2

The sound was like a mighty rushing wind John 3:8

The expression of His coming – 3

A flame like fire appeared above their heads.

The tongues of fire must have invoked Old Testament memories.

Moses and the burning bush

Now the Glory of God had come to rest on the Church!

The evidence of His coming – 4

God enabled ALL the disciples to speak in tongues.

- 6. everyone heard them speak in his own language or tongue.
- 8 "And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language.
- 11 we hear them speaking in our own tongues.

There were over a dozen languages or dialects represented.

The crowd moved in, asking for an explanation – 11

The disciples explained "the wonderful works of God" in every language.

The Reaction of the world 5-12

They were confused – 5

They were amazed – 7

They were curious – 8, 12

How is this happening? What does it mean?

There was denial – 13

The Meaning of Tongues

Tongues were a sign to the Jews – 1Co 14:21

Tongues were a sign God was speaking through his church. Isaiah 28:11-12

An important implication we dare not miss

The Holy Spirit had turned the common man into a prophet.

God had gotten off the throne and was now living in His people.

A conclusion we draw from Biblical History

Acts 2:4 they ALL spoke with other tongues.

1 Cor 12:28-30 tongues went from an universal gift to a NON universal gift.

1 Cor 13:8 At some point, Tongues were going to CEASE.

The wind and tongues of fire are never again duplicated.

The universal constant is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:9

The Holy Spirit still lives within every believer. You have no idea how much power pulsates deep inside your spirit. Christian, it's time we dumped the timid, fearful, trembling and it is high time that Christians began depending on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives within. He's pulling at the leash. He'd love it if you'd let loose and let him do his work and set the world on fire.