WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS…YOU ARE DEAD AND YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD
WEEK 4: BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM

1 Cor 15:1-11 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;[2] By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.[3] For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins (PASSOVER)** according to the scriptures;[4] And that **He was buried,(UNLEAVENED BREAD)**,(and that **He rose again (FIRST FRUITS)** the third day according to the scriptures:[5] And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:[6] After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.[7] After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.[8] And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.[9] For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.[10] But **by the grace of God (PENTECOST) I am what I am**: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: **yet not I**, but **the grace of God which was with me.** [11] Therefore **whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.**

TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE: (EPH 1)
*HE ACCEPTED US IN THE BELOVED SON.
*WE TRUSTED IN CHRIST, WE BELIEVED THE GOSPEL OF JESUS.
* WE WERE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE, The earnest (a pledge given in advance as security; down payment) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.

1 Cor 1:20-22 All the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen unto the glory of God. (We are Anointed, Sealed, Given the earnest of the Spirit so we can believe them!)

This is why Paul prays we be given the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation (take off the cover, disclosure, appearing, make known, lighten, be revealed) in the knowledge of Him
Eph 1:18-19 [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may **know** what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.

We know God by receiving His Revelation… Remember the root of a Stronghold is a LIE that opposes the Truth of God. The Spirit of God is with you now, as a Holy Friend perpetually speaking truth. Having been reconciled by death, how **MUCH MORE** shall we be saved by His Life?
"Call not thou common what I have cleansed"…
"How did you see me when I first believed? Glorified! Romans 8:30

There is a Much, MUCH, More….A Baptism, where we receive the FULLNESS of His Spirit.

From Dake Jennings, "God's Plan for Man"

"Every believer today receives the Spirit of adoption and is filled with the Spirit in a measure when born again*: "You are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His... You have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry ABBA Father. "The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God."* ***No man could be a child of God without receiving the Spirit in a measure.***

It is by the Spirit men are: convicted, born again, call Jesus Lord & and God Father, Baptized into the Body of Christ, and into Christ, changed into the image of Christ, made new creatures, freed from sin, kept free from sin, lead and receive witness of sonship, have access to God, receive gifts, liberty, love, joy, peace, are washed, sanctified and justified, worship God, receive grace, are invited into Christ, receive many other spiritual blessings. ***One can have all of these blessings and yet not be baptized in the spirit, for men in all ages before Pentecost had these experiences.***

What The Baptism in the Spirit is Not:

*Spirit baptism is not a "filling" or a "measure" of the Spirit; the reception of the gifts, or the fruit of the Spirit; the experience of salvation, sanctification, justification. None of these experiences should be taken as the baptism in the Holy Ghost or as proof of such baptism. The reason for this is that Saints of God in the Old Testament ages before the day of Pentecost had all these experiences, but the baptism in the Spirit was not given to men until the day of Pentecost. Jesus plainly said that the Holy Ghost in baptismal measure was not given because that he was not yet glorified (John 7:37-39). Peter confirmed this on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:33****). If the Spirit baptism was not given to men before Pentecost and they did not have all the above mentioned blessings before Pentecost then there is all the difference in the world between the baptism in the Spirit and all these other blessings. Such blessings will naturally be in the lives of those baptized in the Spirit but they do not constitute such baptism, nor should they be taken as evidence of this baptism. The baptism in the Spirit is the Spirit without measure (John 3:34; Matt 20:20-23; Luke 4:18-21; Acts 10: 38) and these other blessings are simply different measures of the spirit and are only a part of the fullness of God.***

John 3:34 (Jesus) who God has sent speaks the words of God: for God gives not the Spirit by measure to Him**.**

Luke 3:22 & 4:1 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my Beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased…And Jesus being **full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

Matt 20:23…You shall drink indeed of my cup and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with..

Matt 3:11 I (John) indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He (Jesus) that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

Mark 16:17 and these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; They shall speak with new tongues

John 4:14 But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a **well** of water **springing up** into everlasting life.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

What the Baptism in the Spirit IS:

The Spirit baptism is the immersion or burial of the believer in the Spirit at which time he receives the Spirit in his life in all "fullness" and "without measure" and is "endued with power from on high" to do the works of Christ. (Lk 24:49; Jn 7:37-39; 14:12-17;Acts 1:4-8;3:6; 5:12; 19:11; Mk. 16:16-20; Heb 2:3-4). It is the same full anointing of the Spirit that Christ received. It is the Spirit coming "in, upon, filling, overwhelming, infusing, anointing, and enduing with full power, and not just a "measure" as in the old testament days. It is the Spirit taking full possession of the believer to live, speak, and work through him in the same degree that was manifested through Christ and the apostles. It is the fullness of what men had in part before Pentecost.

The Sole Purpose of the Spirit-Baptism is to endue men with power from on high to do the same works that Christ did. Christ taught that this enduement of power was necessary to confirm the word of God, (Mk 16:20, Heb 2:3-4) to continue the things "that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1-2; Mt 28:20), to make us successful witnesses,(Acts 1:8) and to prove men to be true believers divinely sent to represent God. (Mk 16:15-20, Jn 14:12, Act 1:8)

The Holy Spirit is our Consecration to Minister to God as Priest and King:

Ex 30:22-33...take unto thee principal spices [30] And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. [31] And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

Psalm 45:7-8 [7] You love righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore God, thy God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your fellows. [8] All Your garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made You glad.

SOS 4:10-16 [10] How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices! [11] Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon. [12] A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. [13] Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard, [14] Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices: [15] A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

Jesus didn't die for springs shut up or a fountain sealed…He wants rivers of living water flowing out!

There is NO LAW against the Spirit!

GAL 5:22-23 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,[23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is **NO LAW**.

A LIFE CROWNED WITH THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT DECLARES GOD'S ABILITY

Zec 3:1-5 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. [2] And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? [3] Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.[4] And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.[5] And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

Zech 4:6-7 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. [7] Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

1 Pet 2:5 & 9 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. But ye are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

PENTECOST

(Feast of weeks, First Fruits and Pentecost), held at the end of the wheat harvest, to commemorate the giving of the law. First Fruits was at beginning of Harvest, Pentecost at the end of Harvest. Can't be born again without the resurrection(First Fruits) of Jesus, we can't bring in the harvest without (Pentecost) the baptism in the Holy Ghost.
*When Moses gave the law, 3,000 died (Ex. 32:28).
*When the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost 3,000 were saved! (Acts 2:41).
*Truly we are not under the law but under grace!
John 1:17 The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ!

POWER FROM ON HIGH

Acts 1:3-5 (JESUS) shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: [4] 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.[5] For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence… you shall receive power,(**ability, POSSIBLE, miraculous power**) after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2: 1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. [2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. [3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.[4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, **as the Spirit gave them utterance**.

Acts 2:16-18 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;[17] And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:[18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:33 (Jesus) being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He has shed forth this, which you now see and hear.

THE EASE OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

Acts 2 The Holy Ghost came when they were together in one accord.
Acts 8:15-17 Samaritans received the Holy Ghost when Peter and John prayed and laid hands.
Acts 10:44-48 The Holy Ghost fell on Cornelius's house while the word was preached.
Acts 19:2-6 At Corinth, Paul laid hands, and the Holy Ghost came on them.

Praying the Will of God/Subduing Darkness/Doing the Impossible

Why I Speak in Tongues (1 Cor 14)
As we pray in the Spirit by faith we are:
-Declaring the mind of God.
-Disclosing the mind of God by our utterance.
-Edifying ourselves.
-The Spirit is confiding in us, revealing to us hidden or secret things of God, the secret divine counsel of His will that is not obvious to the understanding.

How do I receive the Baptism? By Faith!

If you are born again, you have everything you need to be Baptized in the Holy Ghost.
You have the well of living water, let Him out.
Peter walked on water. Impossible Right? He walked, and God gave the supernatural ability.
We speak in other tongues. Impossible Right? NO! Not with the Spirit of Possible!
We Speak, and God gives the supernatural ability.
THEY SPOKE, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Listen with your spiritual ear…speak with the unction of the Holy Ghost. Eph 5:18-20

EPHESIANS 3:20

Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us.