

## **The Purpose Of Pentecost**

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Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be WITNESSES unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. "

Acts 4:33, "And with GREAT POWER gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

THE PURPOSE OF PENTECOST IS POWER The Baptism Of The Holy Ghost Is The Baptism Of Power THAT WE MAY WITNESS THE RESURRECTION WITH GREAT POWER!!!

WE AS PENTECOSTALS HAVE FORGOTTEN OUR PURPOSE!!! SOMEHOW OVER THE PAST 5 TO 6 DECADES WE HAVE COME TO A PLACE IN OUR MOVEMENT WE ONLY USE THE HOLY GHOST FOR AMUSEMENT.

THIS IS A MISUSE AND ABUSE OF THE HOLY GHOST THAT WILL LEAD TO NON USE OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND SADLY MOST OF THE CLASSICAL PENTECOSTAL WORLD NO LONGER USES THE HOLY GHOST FOR ANY USE. THE HOLY GHOST IS NOT FOR OUR ENJOYMENT BUT FOR OUR DEPLOYMENT.

WE PLAY CHURCH CHESS, MOVING MEMBERS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER RATHER THAN INVADING THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL. CHURCHES GROW BY BEATING THE DRUM LOUDEST AND THERE IS A GROUP OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCH HOPPERS IN EVERY TOWN LOOKING FOR THE NEXT HOLY HIGH.

SOMEHOW, WE HAVE BECOME CONTENT TO ENTERTAIN THE RELIGIOUS RATHER THAN EVANGELIZE THE LOST.

The purpose for Pentecostal power is to make the name of Jesus famous. To both declare and demonstrate the resurrection.

ACTS 5 shows us how Pentecostals are to witness the resurrection.

Acts 5:17, "Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. 18 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 19 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this (new) life.

### **I. We Witness By Our Word.**

Jesus Is On Trial

\*Satan Is The Prosecutor

\*The Holy Ghost Is The Defense Attorney \*

We Are His Witnesses A Witness Requires One Thing.

A Witness Requires A Testimony!!!

A child can see through you when you do not have a testimony.

We Are Either Witnesses For The Prosecution Or The Defense. Many believers are more of a testimony for the prosecution than the defense.

There is a world full of Sergius Paulus (Acts 13) DESIRING to hear the Word of the Lord but they do not even know what they are desiring.

1 Cor 2:4, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:"

Acts 5:21, "But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told, saying, 23 The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. 24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow. 25 Then came one and told them, saying, 26 Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people."

## **II We Witness By Our Works.**

We have been given the gifts of the Spirit to witness in the World.

Share Personal Stories Of Spirit Led Witnessing.

Let's take the gifts to the streets. What we do in church the NT Church did in the streets.

1. Preach the Gospel
2. Cast our Devils
3. Heal the sick

Acts 5:28, "And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. 29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

## **III. We Witness By Our Worship**

This witness will outlive us. Sermons will be forgotten, Signs and wonders will be

questioned but a true life of worship cannot be refuted. A saved sanctified Holy Ghost filled life.