

# OUR MISSION

Commissioned with Purpose - Empowered by the Spirit - Led by Christ  
Called to Repentance - Baptized into New Life - Committed to Community

## Empowered by the Spirit

The Holy Spirit empowers the church for its work. The Holy Spirit is the person of God who resided within Jesus Christ and enabled him to speak the truth, to perform miracles, and to establish the kingdom of God. This same Spirit can also indwell us and open our minds to God's will and purpose. When we are empowered by the Spirit, we can align ourselves with God's will and see amazing things happen.

### Acts 2:14-21

#### Peter's Pentecost Message

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out 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 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### The Spirit Foretold

The prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah and the outpouring of God's Spirit on all believers. These words of prophecy remind us that God has plans that He will bring about in his own time.

### The Spirit is for Everyone

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not for a select few, but for all those who know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

### Signs of Jesus' Crucifixion

Everyone saw the astronomical signs of Jesus' crucifixion. Peter reminds his hearers that these signs were foretold by the prophets to signify that God was surely at work.

### The Core Purpose

The core purpose of the Holy Spirit is to enable everyone to be saved.

## APPLICATION *for Daily Living*

There are simple things we can do every day to interact with the Holy Spirit.

1. **Unplug** - find time every day to unplug from your busy schedule. And make time to interact with the Spirit. This might mean inserting 5-10 minutes between activities.
2. **Settle Your Soul** - the Spirit can introduce thoughts to you, but with so many ideas and concerns swirling around in your head, it's hard to hear the Spirit. Take time to allow your thoughts to settle and listen for the voice of the Spirit.
3. **Read the Bible.** The Spirit of God will speak through the words of Scripture.
4. Take notes. When the Spirit shows us something, we should take note of it. Over time, we will have a record of the Spirit's activity.
5. **Seek a Mentor.** Find someone who is more experienced in spiritual life and seek their ongoing counsel.
6. **Attend Worship.** God is always in the presence of His people when they worship. Worship helps recenter us in the truths of the kingdom of God.

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## SCRIPTURE *for further Study*

To get the most out of this series, read Peter's entire address in **Acts 2**.

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## QUESTIONS *for discussion*

What person have you trusted to give you advice?

Is it easy or hard for you to make time for yourself?

Can you remember a time when you felt God leading you?



**Your Notes** *what God is saying to you:*

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