

Catching Fire

Acts 1:4-8

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV

- Power to live righteous
- Power to tell others
- Power to Heal, deliver and save
- These are signs of the Kingdom

Power – Power of the Gospel – the good news!

Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." NKJV

To live a life full of the fire of God we must embrace and proclaim the Gospel of Christ – Grace – God is not holding our sins against us any longer

We are living in a time when all believers should not be weighted down with believing we are not good, smart, and rich enough to spread the Gospel

Our life is for Him and He has provided all we need to succeed!

He is sufficient!

1 Corinthians 1:20-21, 24-25

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. NKJV

- The wisdom of God is greater than my works
- It's a gift
- We need get our eyes off our insecurities and shortcomings and start reaching others with the “Good News”
- Start living in newness of life – having eyes fixed on Jesus
- An inward conversion produces an outward devotion

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death**? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**. 5 For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection**, 6 knowing this, that our **old man was crucified with Him**, that the **body of sin might be done away with**, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been **freed from sin**. 8 Now if we **died with Christ**, we believe that we shall **also live with Him**, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all**; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- We are dead to sin, it has no dominion over us
- We are righteous
- We are free from sin through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- We walk in newness of life
- “New creation” – **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- Be a fire starter!
- Catch Fire and others will Catch Fire!

Romans 6:12-14

12 **Therefore** do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as **being alive from the dead**, and your members as **instruments of righteousness** to God. 14 **For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.** NKJV

- A born again believer should not live with a consciousness of sin
- The more I think about sin the more I sin
 - No trespassing sign
- The more I think about righteousness the more righteous I act – *Set **your mind** above* – **Colossians 3:2**
- We become **more righteous in our thinking** by meditating on scripture – **Romans 12:1-3**
- It's not about "Right Doing" it's about "Right Believing"

"Grace is not a license to sin; it is the answer to overcoming sin! What about that person that I know who calls themselves a believer but lives like the Devil?"

It's not our part to judge who is a believer and who isn't. There are people who profess to be believers but there is no evidence in their lives that they are. Just because a person goes to Church doesn't make that person a believer any more than going to McDonalds makes you a hamburger or going to a garage makes you a car."

– Joseph Prince – The Power of Right Believing

Grace changes your Life!

Titus 2:11-12

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 **teaching** us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. NKJV

- Chasten, instruct, learn or teach – Holy Spirit

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJV

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to **the obedience of Christ**. NKJV

- Your identity is not found in you
- It is found “In Him” His obedience
- Meditating on who the scriptures say I am
- Lining up my thinking – Right believing

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

17 But "he who glories, let him glory in the LORD." 18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends. NKJV

- When I believe I am holy I start to act differently
- The change happens from the inside

When I meditate on who He created me to be – I become that person – He has made my **spirit** perfect, I start to believe it in my **mind** – I start to live differently (**body**) My focus changes – If He gives eternal life wont He give me everything I need – I live on fire for Him

Romans 8:32

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? NKJV

Acts 2:1-4

1 When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

- When I Catch Fire I am filled with the Spirit
- My life is consumed and directed by Him
- I pray in the Spirit – I sing in the Spirit
- I get caught up in His word
- I get caught up in His presence
- I start to come into agreement with His will
- When He is leading my life others Catch Fire

Ephesians 5:18 NLT

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and **control you.**

Romans 8:26-28

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. NKJV

- When I pray perfect prayers all things work together for my good

Galatians 5:22-26

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. NKJV

- Will I love the un-loving?
- Will I have joy in the midst of a storm?
- Will His peace abide when I don't understand?
- Will I be patient when I'm not in control?
- Will I be kind to those who reject me or don't agree with me?
- Will I show the goodness of God?
- Will I stay faithful even when it hurts?
- Will I be gentle with the harsh?
- Will I allow Him to discipline in my life?

Acts 2:12-21

12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "They are full of **new wine**."

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.**

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass that **whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.**' NKJV

- The Spirit is for all who believe – New Wine
- To prophesy
- To see visions
- To dream
- This is not only for the early Church
- This is for us today
- “The Day” is approaching
- Am I drunk with God?
- Enjoying, craving His sweet presence?

– **Hebrews 11:6 Seek – to crave or investigate**

Joel 2:23-24 NKJV

23 Be glad then, you children of Zion,
And rejoice in the LORD your God;
For He has given you the former **rain** faithfully,
And He will cause the rain to come down for you —
The former **rain**, and the **latter rain** in the first month.

24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat,
And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

NKJV

- God is faithful
- The former and the later rain
- The harvest is great – **Matthew 9:37**

2 Peter 3:10-12

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night,
in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and
the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and
the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 **Therefore,**
since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of**
persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12
looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on
fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? NKJV

- What is my focus in life?
- Will I Catch Fire?

Acts 2:43-44

43 **A deep sense of awe** came over them all, and the
apostles performed **many miraculous signs and wonders.** 44
And all the believers met together constantly and shared
everything they had. NLT