

New Acts #3 - Acts 2:1-4 "WIND+FIRE=BLAZING"

STARTING A FIRE – THE BLAZE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN – DISCIPLES WAITING

MP: The Day of Pentecost marks the manifestation of the New Covenant and God's Kingdom work through His church.

- **OLD COV FADING NEW RISING - EVIDENT IN DESIGNED FULFILLMENTS**
 - o FIRST PASSOVER IN EGYPT – FIRST PENTECOST AT SINAI (LAW)
 - o FULFILLED PASSOVER - PENTECOST IN JERUSALEM (SPIRIT)

Old Covenant emphasized the law, the New covenant emphasizes the life of the Spirit.

Romans 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

- **MOMENT NOT EASY TO EXPLAIN (AS OF/LIKE)**
 - o Heavenly meets earthly – EVIDENCE (storm High press/Low Press)

WIND

WIND = SAME WORD SPIRIT AND BREATH

- **WIND: Powerful but gentle / blazing but refreshing / Unseen but Undeniable**
 - o OT SYMBOLISM THEY WERE AWARE OF – **REBIRTH OF THE PEOPLE**

Ezekiel 37:9 Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' ' ' 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

- **JESUS USED WIND TO DESCRIBE REBORN BY THE SPIRIT**

John 3:5 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

How many people are going to church but have never been born again?

HEARD BY ALL – **LOCALIZED ON BELIEVERS (identified as belonging to GOD)**

FIRE

Cloven Tongues of Fire: Something like divided flames of fire resting over each disciple

FIRE SYMBOLIC OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Hebrews 12:29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

- Covenant Abraham in dream, Covenant Moses ON Sinai – ON Sacrifice TABER.

Leviticus 9:24 Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people, 24 and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. \

ON EACH DISCIPLE – PRESENCE OF GOD ON EACH DISCIPLE (personal calling/gift)

BLAZING

WHAT DOES A CHURCH LOOK LIKE WHEN IT IS BLAZING WITH GOD'S FIRE

When God's people are baptized in His Spirit, there is always evidence.

- Heard and Seen – tangible - **Wind+Fire=Blaze – CHURCH WAS BLAZING**

○ **THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS WERE STIRRING – CHARCOAL BBQ - Potential**

Tongues – Unbeliever touched – Gospel Proclaimed – Salvation (KINGDOM GROWTH)

Stirring your spiritual gift makes the fire in your church burn brighter and hotter.

- **Tongues:** intelligible languages spoken but unknown to the speaker
- **Understanding:** Jews from all of the world – hearing and understanding
- **Proclamation:** Peter gives Biblical understanding and Gospel Preaching under the POWER of God's Spirit.

○ **THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ON THE MOVE**

120 PIECES WOOD – UNIMPEDED WIND – FIRE FALLING – BLAZE BEGINNING

Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn

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