

**EFFECTS OF HOLY GHOST FIRE**  
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**MATTHEW 3:11-12**

John the Baptist baptized his followers in the waters of repentance and spoke of someone who would come and baptize with Holy Ghost Fire. He was speaking of Jesus.

**LUKE 24:49**

Before His resurrection, Jesus spoke much about the person and ministry of the Spirit. He instructed His followers to wait for the fulfillment of the promise before doing anything else.

**ACTS 1:4-5**

He reminds them of John's baptism and then says the time has come for them to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Why was Jesus so insistent upon them being baptized with Holy Ghost Fire?

**ZECHARIAH 4:6-7**

The work of God is a supernatural work that requires supernatural power. Zerubbabel was being told that the key to His success would not be his political, secular, military or intellectual assets, but by Holy Ghost power.

**ACTS 2:1-4**

The fire that fell on Pentecost did more than enable the 120 to speak in other tongues.

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1. Destruction of satanic strongholds and plantings.
  - A. Fear was a stronghold in Peter's life before the fire fell. He feared Jesus was a ghost walking on water; while walking on water; fear moved him to lie and deny Jesus. Fear is not of God!
  - B. On Pentecost, God's fire liberated Peter from fears stronghold and clothed him with boldness to preach the same Jesus he denied.
  - C. The fire of God will deliver us from every satanic stronghold and everything the Lord hasn't planted in our lives.
  
2. The refiners fire. **HEBREWS 12:29**
  - A. Before Pentecost, Peter was full of himself and spiritual pride. In **MATTHEW 26:33 (ESV)** he viewed himself more spiritual than others. Others may fall, but not Peter. **PROVERBS 16:18**
  - B. After Pentecost, Peter is purged from pride. **ACTS 3:11-16** He takes no credit for the miracle. He gives God all the glory.
  - C. **1 CORINTHIANS 10:12** – Every person is vulnerable. We all need the refiners fire to remove from us what needs purged.
  
3. Fire promotes church growth. **ACTS 2:41**
  - A. The church started with 3000 and by **ACTS 4:4** it grew to 8000 plus women and children. The church increased and grew.
  - B. **ACTS 19:18-20** – The fire created an atmosphere where the agents of darkness became powerless to maintain their grip over people's lives.
  - C. That same fire can fall here and produce the same results here if we hunger and thirst for it.
  
4. Soul winning fire. **ACTS 2:46, 47**
  - A. They possessed an unquenchable passion to win the lost. **ACTS 4:1-4, 18-20**. Threats couldn't put the fire out. **ACTS 4:29-33**
  - B. May that same fire fill us with the same passion to win the lost.
  
5. The fire of spiritual manifestations. **ACTS 5:1-10**
  - A. The word of knowledge exposed sin. **ACTS 5:12-16** – Gifts of healing, **V17-20** – discerning of Spirits operated, **V21-25** – supernatural travel and deliverance.
  
6. Fire for the miraculous. **1 KINGS 18:36-39**
  - A. God answered Elijah with fire and on Pentecost He answered our need with fire. When the fire falls, miracles occur, and the door to the supernatural is open wide.
  - B. Where there's fire, there's glory, and lives are transformed.

