

## FAITH WITH POWER

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### 2 THES. 1:11-12

The work of faith with power is a work of the Word and Spirit. Faith comes by hearing God's Word, and power comes from receiving the Spirit.

### ACTS 19:1-2

These people know nothing about being saved or receiving the Spirit. Lack of knowledge is destructive (**HOSEA 4:6**). Paul got them saved and filled with the Spirit. Why was Paul so concerned about them receiving the Spirit? Because he understood the purpose and power of the Spirit in a believer's life.

### Pentecost

There are seven major feast days that outline God's plan of redemption.

The four spring feasts are: Passover (Crucifixion); Unleavened Bread (Burial); First Fruits (Resurrection); Pentecost (Spirit).

The three fall feasts are: Trumpets (Rapture); Atonement (Blood); Tabernacles (Millennial reign).

Pentecost in the Old Testament was called the Feast of Harvest or Feast of Weeks. It's a celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. While the Jewish people were celebrating Pentecost traditionally, the fulfillment of the feast was taking place in an upper room where 120 believers were waiting for the promise of the Father (**LUKE 24:49; ACTS 1:1-5, 12-15: 2:1-4**). Pentecost marks the birth of the church and the beginning of evangelizing the world or reaping a harvest of souls for Christ.

### Purpose (ACTS 2:14-21).

To anoint believers with power from on high to proclaim the Gospel to every creature in all the world (**1 COR. 2:3-4**). Evangelism is a work of faith with power (**MK. 16:15-20**). It also marks the day when the glory of God moved into jars of clay making believers the very temple of the living God (**1 COR. 6:19-20**).

- The purpose of Pentecost is two-fold: for God's glory to move in and to anoint believers for service.

### Iraan, Texas (Ira and Ann Yates)

Sheep herders who struggled to keep their land from foreclosure. Their land was barren and unprofitable. One day, an oil driller asked if they could drill for oil on their land. They laughed and said "Sir, there's no oil this side of the Pecos River". Overnight Ira and Ann became the richest-poor people in Pecos County. Since 1926 the land has produced billions of barrels of oil. They became instant millionaires and their descendants, billionaires. What if they refused to allow the driller to drill for oil?

### Fresh Oil (PS. 92:10)

We can't overstate the importance of the Spirit's anointing in our lives. Saul and David were both anointed to be king; yet, both sinned grievously and failed God. No matter how powerful our anointing is, it can increase or decrease. We need fresh oil daily. Jesus kept His anointing strong by daily prayer and contact with the Father. We, too, can do what is necessary to maintain a strong anointing in our lives to aid in our service for God. Yesterday's anointing needs refreshed daily!

