

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I do trust that you are knowing the comfort and the blessing of the Holy Spirit as He comes within the believer's life when we come to know Him personally. The acts of the Holy Spirit in His advent and coming and activity speak about a power. It was in **Acts chapter 1, verse 8**, that we learn it is not new techniques, but the power that flows out from the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, proving He is the only One who can do this work. Why in the world do we try to think we can do the work as a believer and then ask God to bless? What an insult that we should come and say, "I am up to Your holy standard!" Instead, we should say, *Lord, I can't, but You can and I praise You that in this vessel of mine, in my life, You have come to live and to do that work.* The promise of the Father also became the promise of the Son in the giving of the Holy Spirit, God the Holy Spirit.

Do you realize what it means that God the Holy Spirit has come to take up residence inside of you to make Christ real through you? This is such an awesome privilege. It shows that He is the only One who can live the Christian life. He never meant you to live it or me to live it. He said, "I'm the One to live the Christian life."

That is why He said, . . . **tarry-** *that means wait* - . . . **until ye be**

endued with the power from on high. (Luke 24 verse 49). It is a rest of faith. It is trusting in the Lord, and He is going to bring it to pass. But this is not an *it*; He is the Person in action. He is handling the situation. The indwelling Jesus Christ, the only One who can live the Christian life, has a new corporate Body of which He is the Head and that Body is called the Church. So, the whole idea when we meet other people who are part of the Church of which the Lord alone can be the Head, is that we love and understand the working of the Holy Spirit in the life of other believers and there is that working together, for it is not I, but it is Him.

I could tell you many stories of people, who are in lands where there is terrible persecution. In the past, we have been in such situations. The last thing we do is to say, "Now everybody say which church you belong to!" We only belong to one Church: the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God and the power of God was made manifest in that we each preferred and took care of the other. For this reason, it is a very essential fact to see that I could be the worst enemy in the cause of Christ by trying to take over what only He can do. Do you understand that, as a believer, God never intended that you should take over what only He can do? For He gave His Holy Spirit that He should do this.

We read in **Acts 2:4 - . . . the Spirit gave them utterance.** Notice it

was not some eloquent person, but it was the Holy Spirit. The **wind**, which came upon those early disciples and moved in the midst was a divine breath which made speech possible. Speech — that is the utterance of the Holy Spirit. The **cloven tongues . . . (which) sat upon . . .** these different disciples were symbols of many tongues speaking many languages before unknown, but all coming from God the Holy Spirit. You know in the Bible, the phrase . . . **tongues like as of fire. . .** is always associated with the symbol and the presence and the power of God. These tongues of fire that looked like little pieces of fire in the air speak of the power of God. It was a . . . **mighty wind . . .** yes, but it was the fire that surpassed all the energy that could have been brought together. You see, God says, “It is My work, My way, and nothing can put this out.” Why in the world do we waste years trying to think we are going to improve the old Adamic nature and improve the things that we feel we can educate, instead of seeing the plan of God the Holy Spirit?

God the Holy Spirit comes into believers as they come to know Jesus Christ personally. One of the signs we know Jesus Christ personally is that immediately we start to feel and sense the needs of others around. That is one of first evidences that we are truly born-again. We are not just religious, respectable, and saying the right thing; we have the burden for lives around. That is the number one sign that the Holy Spirit is within a life. Also, we read that **the fire . . .** the Holy Spirit,

sat upon them. You know, I am reminded of our lovely Lord Jesus when He went into the waters of baptism. The Spirit of the dove came and alighted and sat upon the head of Jesus. The dove craves a nest; not like the raven rushing off doing his own thing. When we know that work by His powerful Spirit, it means He wants to do the work of settling down and being part of the life.

Can you say as those to know and love Jesus Christ, . . . **because I live, ye shall live also.** Can you say, *Lord from this day forth, it is not I, but it is Christ by His empowering Holy Spirit doing the work through me.* And He will get all the glory.

In Jesus' lovely Name. Amen.