

Idea: Too much of what we do can be accounted for by human ingenuity and effort. We can only accomplish God’s will and purpose by the power of His Holy Spirit. God fill us with Your Spirit!

### I. THE CONTEXT: WHAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO

A. From the Gospel of Mark to the Acts of the Holy Spirit...

B. Themes in Acts...themes we want to see at CCC

1. The sovereignty of God
2. The strong emphasis on missions
3. The importance of prayer
4. The prominence of the Holy Spirit
5. The centrality of preaching the Word

### II. THE SENDING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

A. The PROMISE of the Spirit’s Coming – John 14:16-17

1. The Holy Spirit is another HELPER
2. The Holy Spirit is a GIFT
3. The Holy Spirit’s coming is a result of Jesus’ INTERCESSION
4. The Holy Spirit will never DEPART
5. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of TRUTH
6. The Holy Spirit is UNKNOWN to the world
7. The Holy Spirit will INDWELL

B. The FULFILLMENT of the promised coming – Acts 2

1. WHEN it happened

Passover =  
Firstfruits =  
Pentecost =

2. WHAT happened

- AUDIBLE evidence – WIND = POWER

- VISIBLE evidence – FIRE = PRESENCE

- ORAL evidence – TONGUES = PROCLAMATION

3. WHY it happened

- It was the promised BAPTISM of God’s Spirit
- It was the beginning of the CHURCH
- It was the giving of God’s ENABLING power
- It was the introduction to a NEW LIFE

### III. QUESTIONS WE NEED TO ASK:

A. Do I have the Holy Spirit LIVING in me?

B. Do I live everyday with a conscious DEPENDENCE on the Holy Spirit?

C. When I ignore, quench or grieve the Holy Spirit how do I RESPOND?

D. What is the greatest need in my LIFE? What is the greatest need in this CHURCH?