



# Today's News

## A Church of Great Power

What is the true nature of a Christian? A Christian by definition is one who follows Christ, and believes in him. A Christian must draw from the strength given by God the Father, His Son Jesus the Messiah, and the Blessed Holy Spirit.

Today there are a host of denominations which are in denial of their true potential in Christ, who empowers them through the Holy Spirit. They do not take the book of Acts seriously in many cases, but relegate it to the beginning of the church era. In essence, they are saying "the early church is not a model for today", and thus the power is drained from their congregations, and they are following a powerless religion made by men! Could anything be more incredulous? In many cases they believe in water baptism, but totally ignore the baptism of fire!

On the day of Pentecost, (Acts 2- the whole chapter), a mighty rushing wind came into the house where they were congregating. The apostles and followers of Christ were meeting as Christ had instructed them. Then tongues of fire appeared over their heads and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. This was not the only time speaking in other languages occurred.

Acts 10: 44-48

Acts 19: 1-7

1 Corinthians 12:10-11

1 Corinthians 12: 28

1 Corinthians 14; 21-22

1 Corinthians 14: 28

1 Corinthians 14: 39

So you see, most Christians follow the command of water baptism, but ignore and even condemn the baptism by fire. Then what was the day of Pentecost for? Christ told his disciples not to leave Jerusalem but to wait to receive a second baptism by the Holy Spirit! (Acts 1: 4-5) Christ said it! It was to demonstrate the ushering in of the Holy Spirit, and to distribute the gifts he was giving for the power of the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of Christ's followers, and to make them dynamic in the demonstration of his gifts! (Whole chapters 1Corinthians 12-13-14)

Many believe speaking in an unknown language is not relevant in the church today, but that is not what God's word says.

Today Christ cannot recognize most churches on the face of the earth, because many are following the traditions of men, and ignore the clear instructions that Christ gave to his church before his departure to heaven. Can this be called Christianity? If not built on the foundation of Christ and the 12 Apostles, on what other plan could the body of Christ succeed?

Christ himself could do nothing on earth without his Father. Can we make our own plans and rules voted in by a committee of fallible men, and bypass our Savior and his construction of the early church? He said the latter house would be greater than the former house. It cannot not be greater without Christ at the head of his church.

Do you think Christ was speaking in vain when he said "Greater works than this you will do." He was speaking of himself! He was speaking that greater works would be done by us through the power of the Holy Spirit! Can we visualize this? Greater works than cleansing of the lepers! Greater works than the raising of the dead! Greater works than the feeding of the multitudes! Could we perhaps feed the whole nation of Africa? What would Christ consider greater than his works? Is this the church of today or are we the church of being neither hot nor cold, but spewed out of Christ's mouth? And it would be the ultimate rejection to hear Christ say, "Depart from me, I never knew you!"

It is time to sound the trumpet call in the earth and prepare for the greatest harvest known to man! We cannot sleep during the harvest! Wake up church and march onward Christian soldiers! Put on your armor, and be the real thing and not a poor copy. Enlist in the army of God and follow your Savior into battle for the kingdom of God!