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**The Holy Spirit Matters – Part I**  
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**I. Holy Spirit Basics**

- Third Person of the Trinity
- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Holy Spirit is Life Giving
- The Holy Spirit is Active, Misunderstood, Heavily Debated, Personal

**II. Terminology**

- **Spirit in OT:** *ruah* noun; breath, wind, spirit
- Occurs in Hebrew 378x, and in Aramaic 11x
- **Spirit in NT:** *pneuma* noun; wind, breath, life
- Occurs in NT 379x but only a few mean wind/breath
- 275 “Spirit of God” 149 “Holy Spirit”
- Both terms for *spirit* connote movement, something that is *dynamic*

**III. What is Pentecost?**

- Pentecost is 50 days after Easter in the Christian calendar.
- The descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples after the resurrection and the ascension of Jesus *Acts 2*
- “A tongue rested on each of them” such that each spoke different languages inspired by the Holy Spirit *Acts 2:3*
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is a gift of speech for the whole community of believers
- Everyone spoke of “God’s deeds of power” *Acts 2:11*
- The presence of the Holy Spirit led to the proclamation of God

**IV. The Holy Spirit Equips Us for Evangelism**

- We are to be witnesses for the kingdom of God *Acts 1:8*
- Connotes some level of excitement on part of believer
- Evidence not in the sanctuary, but in the streets

**V. The Holy Spirit is Our Counselor in Confusion**

- God is not the author of confusion
- Holy Spirit helps us discerns what is God's will for your life
- The Holy Spirit as a "head wind" and a "tail wind"

*1 Cor. 14:33*

*Acts 2:2*

**VI. The Holy Spirit Dissolves Our Divisions**

- We are all the same in the body of Christ
- Both Jews and Greeks heard the Word of God
- Homogeneity is not a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit

*Gal. 3:28*

*Acts 19:10*

**VII. The Holy Spirit Help Us in Holiness**

- Paul lays hands on them and they prophesied
- Fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy
- Holy Spirit gives you power to obey the Word of God
- When we struggle invoke the Holy Spirit

*Acts 19:6*

*Joel 2:28*