

The Holy Spirit . The Promise

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God comes and moves in different ways, in different Church assemblies across this country, across the world and across Time. Those who gather together to worship Him do so in Spirit and in Truth as much as they know how. Some may have more truth than others. We are all growing in the knowledge of Christ. In this day and in this hour most of the Christian Church probably doesn't believe what I'm going to tell you today. They are lost in Dispensationalism in some way, shape or form. Dispensationalists believe that the things that you and I hold dear in our daily lives, have been lost and/or put aside until Jesus comes again. If indeed they even believe that Jesus will come again.

How we ourselves are different is that we actually believe the *whole* Word of God for which we are termed Fundamentalists. But all we are doing is believing the Word of God. We believe history. In the text we will be reading today is the historical account of what happened in the early Church. It is the fundamental basis for the New Testament Church. I've been talking lately about the Holy Spirit as the Comforter in many different ways, but today we will talk of the Holy Spirit as "The Promise."

The Lord already spoke to us this morning about the Promise in the prophetic word and exhortation. There are no apologies made for this since when the day of Pentecost came things changed in the Church. Things changed in the religious mindset, no longer spoken about as what could happen but what was actually happening. The Promise, then and now, became for those people in the upper room reality. They did not apologize for it and were not about to give it up. I preface with this: many would say that the Church is built on the foundations of the apostles and prophets, but they would say that since there are no prophets and apostles anymore, then what happened in this chapter is no longer applicable!

However, in fact, the ministries of the apostles and prophets haven't died. The prophetic voice of the Church is alive and well. In the book of Revelation it says, "*the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophesy.*" Therefore if you know Jesus, you know something of the prophetic sense of the Holy Spirit. Indeed one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophesy, the interpretation of tongues, the understanding of what God is and what He is going to do, what He has done. A sense of what God is doing is no longer based on just what you read and has been taught you but the reality of the Holy Spirit in making it real to you personally, your life and now.

You can imagine. Jesus told His disciples, "*Wait in Jerusalem until the Power from on high comes down. Don't go out yet.*" There were other times He

sent them out after breathing on them, etc. However this time He told them to wait for the Power to come.

The New Testament Church is Born

Acts 2 ¹When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, . . .

Imagine you are sitting in this place and a C58 Galaxy Transport was flying over the building and the vibration of those big turbo jet engines were coming at you. The whole building would shake and rumble. It would go right down to every bone in your body. I have a feeling it was like that. There came a sound from heaven as a rushing, mighty wind! It filled the whole house where they were sitting. That would be enough for me right there. “*All right. I’m ready. Let’s go!*”

Then there appeared on them tongues of fire. They tried to describe something that is indescribable. As like fire and it sat upon each one of them. All of these physical things happened and then something happened to them on the inside.

³. . . Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. That’s where we get today the understanding and the term we call “being filled with the Spirit.” They were all filled with the Spirit, not partially, not half-filled. They were *filled* with the Holy Spirit.

Because of that they began to speak with other tongues. It does not say the “tongues of angels,” as Paul refers to that later on. But it says “other tongues,” another words other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance. So some people would say that unless you are baptized in the Spirit just like that (in another language) you aren’t truly baptized in the Spirit. That’s pretty legalistic, so I am not really all that much a Fundamentalists, am I?

The Crowd’s Response

Well this was in the upper room. Where they went from there, we aren’t told, outside perhaps. They were dwelling in Jerusalem; they were Jews, devout men from every nation, a coming together of different people groups. When this sound occurred (the jet flyby) the people outside became confused as they heard people speaking in their own language, Jews from many different parts of the world.

Acts 2 ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look,

*are not all these who speak Galileans?*⁸ *And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?*⁹ *Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,*¹⁰ *Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,*¹¹ *Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”*¹² *So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”*

Another words, “*How is it that we each hear in our own language, the one in which we were born?*” Paul mentions them all, visitors from Rome both Jews and apostle-lites. “*We hear them speaking in our own tongue.*” And what were they speaking? The wonderful works of God! They were proclaiming the glory of God in the language of each one. Isn’t that interesting? So, whether you speak in a tongue or whether you speak a prophesy in English or any other language, you should be speaking about the glory of God in some way, shape or form, being filled with the Spirit.

¹³ . . . *Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”* (They are all drunk.)

Well, I can imagine that’s what it sounded like. For the first time on earth this sound came forth. I can imagine that it sounded like they were all drunk. I remember the first time I heard an assembly speaking in other tongues and the tongues of angels, they spoke them all at once. If I remember correctly I was at Teen Challenge. All of a sudden everyone started speaking in tongues and not in unison, a cacophony of sounds. It was crazy. I recoiled from it in my natural spirit and yet there was a drawing saying to me that there was something here you need. There is something in the Spirit which is real, not fake, not drummed up and not emotional. Believe me Teen Challenge could be emotional at times.

Some of our own meetings can be quite emotional. After all, what is our response when we get excited? Emotion. Isn’t it obvious that natural emotion would be a part of what God is doing when He fills somebody with the Holy Spirit? If I were filled with the Holy Spirit and I felt the rushing wind and saw tongues of fire on me, and I started speaking in another language, I’d be excited about it too! If you told me I was drunk I’d say I probably am! But drunk in the Spirit.

Peter’s Sermon

. . . ¹⁴ *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.*¹⁵ *For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.*¹⁶ *But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

¹⁷ *'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*

In the natural shouldn't we say this would be the other way around? Your old men shall have visions. Your young men would dream dreams. But No. When you are filled with the Spirit, old guys, you are going to dream dreams.

¹⁸ *And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*

Another words there were no exceptions, none. It is for everybody. And they shall prophesy. The Spirit of truth coming from heaven, the truth of God, the truth from the very beginning when He said, "I am." This shall be a part of them. This truth shall no longer be separate from them.

¹⁹ *I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ²¹ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'*

Whoever. "Well you cannot be saved. Look at all the terrible things you have done or he or she has done. There life is not worth it." No, anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved! And they will be. And they will. And they have been. Wow. The difference of Peter in this and the Peter who denied the Lord. Remember when the Lord asked His disciples, "Who do you think I am?" Peter said, "I think You are the Christ." Jesus said that upon that revelation I will build My Church. There is a big difference between Peter then and Peter now in these passages, with the power of the Holy Spirit behind him. He as making no apologies for the Holy Spirit. He was saying, "It is what it is." Period. It is for you and your children. No one is exempt. It is not just for you and your children now and today of the first century. It isn't just for you and your children for the first three centuries. But it is forever and ever. It doesn't say that there is an end to this declaration. It is for your children, your grandchildren. It is for you, this truth, this Promise. The Spirit is no longer being held back. The Promise is now, for you. Then Peter continues:

²² *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*

So how did Jesus come to be crucified? It was determined and purposed in the foreknowledge of God. Isn't that great? There is so much doctrine here that we could just read over quickly. So their intent was to kill Him, to be dead

forever. God's intent was quite the opposite, that He would be raised from the dead and would live forever. And, He would send the Promise. That's what Peter is saying here.

²⁵ *For David says concerning Him (Psalm 110:1):*

'I foresaw the Lord always before my face (there was no separation between Him and the Father), For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

What flesh is He talking about? The flesh of the Lord Jesus Himself. This is important. His flesh was glorified.

²⁷ *For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

His body to decay. Can you imagine David even saying these words? Did he even know what he was saying?

²⁸ *You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'*

There is a real joy in heaven when Jesus came back to the Father. You can also believe that there was real joy when He sent the Holy Spirit, the Promise, down to the disciples. A rushing wind?! Absolutely. Tongues of Fire? Oh, man, indescribable. Tongues? A cacophony of languages all going forth and yet people understood what they were saying.

Peter continues:

²⁹ *"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

Now that's his explanation. He didn't wonder what God was going. "What's God doing?!" Rather, this is what Joel talked about. This is what David talked about. Jesus even told us about this. This exactly why He went to heaven, why He was crucified on the cross so He could be resurrected and go to heaven and send this Promise to them now, the power from on high.

³⁴ *"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:*

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, ³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." '

That is exactly what He is doing. And how is He going to do that? How is He going to make His enemies a footstool? He is going to do it through the Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit in you and me. This is New Testament theology. A Church built on something less doesn't have the power to do what the New Testament Church was programmed and designed to accomplish. This is not light doctrine; this is not a doctrine you can shove aside and walk away from. It is either true or it isn't true.

³⁶ *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." (Not dispensational)*

(See Footnote 1)

Repent, be baptized for the remission of sins, and three, you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. That is what being baptized in the Spirit means, to be filled, an event, a Promise. We also grow in the knowledge of this Holy Spirit and what He can do and what He is in our lives.

I shared two weeks ago in the middle of the night I said, *"Lord, I need the Comforter."* And I heard in my spirit, *"I'm really good at doing this, Peter."* I started to laugh thinking, *"Of course you are . . ."* I have never been to a masseuse and maybe never will. Some are probably better than others. But if you want to go to one, wouldn't you want the one who was good? Just so, if you want a Comforter, wouldn't you want to go to one who is really, really good? He said to me, *"I'm the best. I'm off the charts, a perfect #10 comforter."* Thank you, Lord. For this Promise, the Promise reaffirms what? Who is this for? Is this just for the early Church? Just for the Church that is persecuted? No, this Promise is for you, your children and for all who are far off, not just close to Jerusalem—as many as the Lord would call.

There is no dispensation. There is no limit and no law against being filled with the Spirit in the Kingdom of heaven. That can never be. For instance, one might find himself in prison, serving a life sentence. Too bad, you can still be filled with the Spirit. It is still your Promise.

One might say, *"You don't know the things that I've been through, terrible things. My life is a shambles."* The Spirit of the Lord can still rest upon you. Indeed, what a comfort that is. What a Promise. Let me tell you something of the Holy Spirit. Remember the gifts of the Spirit as they are outlined, tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, faith, words of knowledge, etc.? Then there is

wisdom. There are all kinds, words of wisdom and then wisdom itself, not a natural wisdom but a supernatural wisdom. What is wisdom even in the natural? It is the appropriate application of knowledge.

That's what wisdom is in the natural realm. But when you have supernatural wisdom it goes beyond that. It becomes something that man *couldn't know*. Wow, where did that come from? It was from God, the Holy Spirit that gave you the revelation. It might be something very shallow like you don't know how to build this wall and He just gives you a supernatural word of knowledge and you apply it correctly and so it becomes a word of wisdom. Or He may tell you not to do something because it would be a mistake.

And so, this Promise isn't just something for you to be excited about and speak in tongues and prophesy in Church. This gift is for the application of truth and the reality of the Kingdom of heaven in your life today, now, in the things that you do day-to-day and moment-to-moment. It isn't something reserved for Sunday morning or Wednesday afternoon, going to Church or going to a home group. It is for you all the time. The Promise is for everywhere and every person. He doesn't say, "*By the way it's only for Sunday afternoon.*" It is for all time, for every moment.

There are moments and circumstances in my life that were tragic, whether it was the changing of a job and seeing people do the wrong thing or if I was doing a job that was definitely dirty, etc. The Holy Spirit is still there. He hasn't deserted you. In fact you will find that at those times, when you need Him the most, He will be the most powerful! Just let Him because He is not just a Comforter to comfort only, but His comfort is the reality of the power of God. So when He says, "*Peter, it is going to be all right.*" He doesn't mean maybe or someday, but right now "*It is going to be all right.*" There is a finality about that statement.

God is God no matter what, no matter what the circumstances. Some things are not born in heaven; they are born in the heart of Satan himself to come upon this earth. You only have to look at the city of Mosul and say, "*This destruction is unbelievable. How can anyone recover from this?*" However, this is not the first time in history it has occurred. In Dresden, the Allied bombers just kept bombing and bombing and bombing even though they knew the treaty ending the war was going to be signed just hours later. What was that all about? But in spite of all, people survived that and went down into the tunnels underneath Dresden and when they came back up there was not one brick left on top of another. The whole city was reduced to rubble. However, if you go to Dresden today you wouldn't see any of that.

Here is my thesis. **Where there is no hope, there is always hope.** How can I say that? Because I know the Lord. He can do anything. Amen.

Apostle Peter goes on:

⁴⁰ *And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”*

Be saved. Be rescued from this perverse generation. Believe me this is true today as much as it was back then. This is also a perverse generation in so many ways. We see it politically. We see it everywhere we turn, the perverseness of this generation. Be saved, be rescued from it.

⁴¹ *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.* ⁴² *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, . . .*

Doctrine and fellowship, two key things. So, doctrine is not a bad thing, and neither is fellowship. So every time you have a chance to get together and talk, that is definitely good.

. . . in the breaking of bread, . . .

Having meals together, having fellowship over breakfast, lunch, dinner, anytime you can get together.

. . . and in prayers. . . .

So, doctrine, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer. What is that? **That is the New Testament Church!** If you are just coming on Sunday, you are not doing Church! That is not the New Testament Church.

. . . ⁴³ Then fear (not dread but awe of the power of God) came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Part of the problem the early Church went through was the overawe of the apostles, through the gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of healing and all of these things the apostle Paul shared later in his epistles. But rather, these gifts were for the *whole* Church not just the twelve. They probably put the apostles in a place they shouldn’t have been, like the birth of the clergy/laity. You can see it right here. “*Oh boy, that’s Peter!*” or “*Oh, boy that’s James! Nobody can heal like him.*” That’s just not true. The proper spirit of the New Testament Church isn’t that either.

⁴⁴ *Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

So they shared, not necessarily communism but there was a sharing of resources in life.

⁴⁶ *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, . . .*

You couldn’t not go to Church.

. . . and breaking bread from house to house, . . .

Nobody’s house was off limits.

. . . they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, . . .

Gladness and simplicity of heart. Wouldn't that be a relief?! What is the problem with our culture today?! There is no gladness or simplicity of heart. Have you ever sat down and just said, *"I'm just glad to be here. I love the smile on your face. I love the way you look at me with that glint in your eye."* *"Wow, you mean you are not going to analyze my doctrine? It doesn't matter to you that this or that is happening."* No, there was simplicity and gladness in their heart.

Wow, the New Testament Church was awesome. What was the outcome?

...⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. . . .

Not just the Christian community, the whole community. Why? Because people wanted to be around them. They are a happy people. They didn't say, *"Well, I am a Christian. I've got to get through this, another Lent. I cannot eat anything but fish."* I'm thinking about that doctrine but it could be anything. *"I'm fasting today,"* etc.

... And the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved. .

Isn't that good? That's the New Testament Church. That's the one we are participating in. Whether God adds to our numbers or not. That's up to God, not us. Our job is to be happy and glad, simplicity and gladness of heart. Our job is to let the Holy Spirit work through us. If you are doing that, nothing else matters.

Now here is the scripture that came to me and we will end with this.

2 Timothy 1⁶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God . . .

The Holy Spirit, stir it up! In other words it is there, resident in you but you could just let it sit stagnant. You know who you are. Sometimes the Holy Spirit nudges you and says, *"You know, you need to pray for this person. There is something you can share, an exhortation. You can give and when you are fellowshiping with them, you can say . . ."* And you didn't do it. Well, Paul is admonishing you right from the New Testament, reminding you. Stir it up! All right. Do it. The gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. What was that? The Holy Spirit. They laid their hands on people and they got filled with the Spirit. Then Paul says something interesting.

...⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, . . .

The opposite of being led by the Holy Spirit is the spirit of fear. We are afraid of what people will think about us and what we do. *"Well I don't know. Is God in this? They will think I'm crazy,"* etc. God has not given us a spirit of fear—but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Power, love and a sound mind. Now this really hit home as we were talking this week about someone we used to know, who was a born-again believer in our fellowship and has since left many years ago. Now we see that he doesn't have a sound mind any longer. We are praying for him that he would return to

the Lord. But, he literally is mentally unsound. He would be diagnosed as mentally ill.

So we can see the end result of not stirring up the gift and not participating in what God has freely given to you, is that you are just going off on these trails and ending up in crazy places. Because the spirit of fear is such a deadly thing to the mind, it will bring on its own pathology. You don't even need another one. It will bring on the disease of fear itself. What's that song we sing? "*We are not slaves to fear anymore.*" That's it. Now it might be easier for me to say than you.

The reason I'm saying this is from living my life in certain jobs in government service. I was in the Veteran's administration for twenty-seven years. I knew what it was like to be under authority. We had a line of authority, the director, then the associate director, the chief of staff, pathologist director of the lab, the lab manager and then you. So you knew the line of authority. You had authority in the government service. If someone over you gave you a piece of paper to sign, that should have only been signed by the director, and it was given to you, you could act in his name by writing "*signing for the director: Peter Scott.*" You could act in his name since you were acting under his authority. But with that concept comes something else that the enemy tries to put upon you. It is a natural fear. You might fearfully say, "*Well, what might happen if I'm misunderstood?*" Now if you react that way every time, it becomes a spirit of slavery. A freeman does not know that fear. Instead you say to yourself, "*No, I'm acting on the truth and I'm acting under the line of authority as it should be. And that's what I'm going to do.*" Then the fear goes away.

In reality when you are working at a job, you have the added fears of a car-payment, a mortgage, etc. You might fear losing your job and something might go wrong. What if my car fails? All of these little things can come in. They are standing at your door. When we sing that we are no longer slaves to fear again, close the door. Close it! That doesn't belong to you anymore.

Now, the reason I am saying this is because next Saturday will be last day of my working for the medical practice where I've been employed. I'm retiring. I have another job lined up as a professor adjunct lined up at Marist college for the early part of next year. That's cool, but there is a new sense of freedom here. In this new job, I could say just about anything I want to. I could probably go to work in jeans, perhaps my shirt unbuttoned, etc. I could do all kinds of things that I might not normally have felt free to do because of all those "fears" that were standing at the door. They are no longer there. (Perhaps other new ones might come along but not the same old ones.) However, remember God does not want us to be in that place of fear from anything. To be of sound mind, means we must stir up the gift of the Holy Spirit within us, that Spirit of prophesy which is the truth from heaven. It may be quite obvious once you've really discerned the truth in the Spirit.

“Why didn’t I see this before? That was so obvious.” Well, the Holy Spirit needs to be there to make it real. It is quickened and made alive together along with you. It is no longer just a belief but it is truly-true inside of you.

Therefore when the scripture says we are kings and priests unto our God, stop for a minute and think about it. I am not sure I even like being a king or queen or royalty. In fact, when I see those of royalty it seems a little crazy to me. But there is something about the Spirit of the Lord within you that makes you a king and a priest unto our God. Then those fears belong to everybody else, not you. They are gone. You are free in the Lord to do the right thing. You act on truth and speak it. So when I see you and I speak the truth, what should I do? I speak the truth in what? Love. The Holy Spirit never comes just to say, “Well, here I am, the Spirit of Truth!” Pow. No, He is going to do it through you in love and in the proper timing, couched in comfort, power, etc. You will leave that meeting with a sense of gladness and simplicity of heart. Not one saying, “Oh boy. Now what do I do.?!”

Isn’t that good? Therefore do you want to be a New Testament Church? Yes we all do. Let us look for ways to encourage and stir each other up. Amen.

Let’s pray: Father, we thank You for this day, the day of Pentecost, that is now today, every day for us. We pray, Lord, we would not just speak in tongues of angels or other languages, but that You would give us the Spirit of prophesies. Paul says that he desired most of all that we would have the Spirit of prophesy. That in our hearts we would know the truth when we pray, that we would know the truth from heaven as we share our lives together. That there would be a simplicity and gladness of heart. I know there are a lot of trials and tribulations we are going through, but all of them are easily conquered by Your love and grace. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Footnote 1) It is unfortunate that some organized Churches claim that apostle Peter’s sermon was his stamp of being the first Pope of the Church, the first among equals, etc. You put the crown of the Pope upon someone’s head, a little hat that says “Ruling and reigning in the place of Christ.” I’m sorry. I don’t think anybody should be ruling in the place of Christ. There is only one who should be ruling and reigning as Christ and that is Christ Himself, yesterday, today and tomorrow. My doctrine definitely veers off from the organized Church’s opinion. And so we see, Peter wasn’t doing this as the head apostle. He wasn’t doing this even as an apostle at all. He was just sharing from his heart.

Another words, Jesus said, when you are filled with the power of the Spirit, you are no longer going to say, “I think I know the truth.” You are going to KNOW it. In fact when I was filled with the Spirit, I no longer had to say to people when they asked me if I believed in Christ, “Yeah, I believe in Christ,”

an intellectual response. After I was filled the Spirit, I KNEW that Jesus was Christ! It wasn't just a belief any more. It was something I knew in my heart was absolutely true. . . I couldn't tell you why necessarily in scientific logic but I could tell you it is true in my life!