

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**Part 4: UNSTOPPABLE FORCE**  
**April 5, 2020**

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Luke 11:13 (NIV)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

“On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’”

Acts 1:4-5, 8 (NIV)

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

“Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’”

Acts 2:5-13 (NIV)

“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel...’”

Acts 2:14-16 (NIV)

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him.”

Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”

Acts 2:32-33 (NIV)

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” Acts 2:36 (NIV)

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:37-38 (NIV)

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41 (NIV)

### **WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS A CHURCH...**

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—He will testify about Me. And you also must testify...” John 15:26-27 (NIV)

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth.... He will glorify Me...” John 16:13-14 (NIV)

**1. CHRIST IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
\_\_\_\_\_ ABOVE ALL ELSE.**

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.” Acts 2:42-43 (NIV)

**2. THE CHURCH FAMILY IS \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_  
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“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.” Acts 2:44-47 (NIV)

**3. THE CHURCH FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH \_\_\_\_\_.**

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.” Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in

everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." I Corinthians 12:4-7 (NIV)

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"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."  
Acts 2:47 (NIV)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **ARE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **THE FAMILY.**

"...many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand."  
Acts 4:3-4 (NIV)

"The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number."  
Acts 5:12-14 (NIV)

"...the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."  
Acts 6:7 (NIV)

"On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria."  
Acts 8:1 (NIV)

### **BECOMING AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **BUT DON'T** \_\_\_\_\_.
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#### **NEXT STEPS**

1. **Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.**
  - a. **Check the box on your CONNECT Card**
2. **Sign-up to be baptized - date to be determined.**
  - a. **Check the box on your CONNECT Card**
3. **If I am a follower of Jesus Christ, I will engage with my Church Family and with at least one person outside my Church Family this week.**
4. **Pray that the coronavirus will be contained, for those who have contracted it, for wisdom for our leaders, and for the GNG Family to be able to meet together again soon.**