

# The Holy Spirit as Fire

## **Acts 2.1-4:**

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.



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# The Holy Spirit Sanctifies Us

**2 Thes 2.13** - God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit

**To be sanctified** = to be made holy

## Two dimensions of holiness

**Initial** – to set apart from the world and to be set apart for God

**Ongoing** – to become more like Jesus in our character (process of sanctification)



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# Refining



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# Results of Refining

- **Purer gold** – removal of impurities leaves pure gold behind
  - **Speaks to our character** – the Holy Spirit removes the attributes in us that don't look like Jesus and grows the attributes that do look like Him
- **Stronger gold** – impurities weaken integrity of gold so their removal results in stronger metal
  - **Speaks to our faith** – the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith (trust) in the Father; think in terms of humility (acknowledged dependence)



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# Fruit of the Spirit



**Consuming  
Fire**



# Tools Used to Refine

**Bible** – Jesus is the standard and we see Him most clearly in the New Testament

If we aren't reading the Bible, then it is very difficult to consistently align ourselves with Jesus as the Standard

**Our lives** – the circumstances of our lives provide the 'heat' needed to refine us (make us more malleable)

If we aren't living our lives under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, then we are missing opportunities to become more like Jesus



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