

# Pentecost

Remember Father and Son giving the Holy Spirit to the Church (Acts 2)

**Old Covenant** – God dwells in the Temple; ‘when Solomon finished praying ... the glory of the Lord filled the temple’ (2Chr 7.1.)

**New Covenant** – God lives in the hearts of His people

1 Cor 3.16: Don't you know that you yourselves (plural) are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Cor 6.19: Do you not know that your bodies (singular) are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?



**The  
Holy Spirit**



# You Are the Salt of the Earth



**Primary function** – preservative

**Impurities could lessen or negate effectiveness** – cause the salt to ‘lose its saltiness’

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# The Holy Spirit Refines Us

The Fruit of the Spirit



We are a mixture of 'salt' (fruit of the Spirit) and 'sand' (flesh)

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# The Holy Spirit Refines Us

**Refining** – process of removing impurities so the character of Jesus is seen more clearly

**Refining takes time** – will see change not just in responses, but reactions, over time

**Not always pleasant** – what is being burned away is deeply embedded in our hearts and way of living

**Jesus is the standard** – be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect

**Perfect** – mature and complete in love; see this lived out most clearly in Jesus



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# You Are the Light of the World



**Primary function** – illuminates;  
allows us to see things more clearly  
Hiding a light undermines its core  
function

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# The Holy Spirit Empowers Us



Apart from anointing of the Holy Spirit our light does not help people see Father very clearly

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# The Holy Spirit Empowers Us

The Gifts of the Spirit



**Empowerment is rarely overwhelming** – God is always looking for trust

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