

One Thing the Holy Spirit Can't Do

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses.

ACTS 1:8

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Pentecost isn't about
noise,
fire,
or spectacle
(Acts 2:2–3).

It's about one thing:
the power Jesus promised—
power to experience His presence
and make Him known. (John 14–15)

But how does that happen?
And what did Jesus Himself say about it?
To answer that,
we need to listen carefully
to His words
the night before the cross.

In the Upper Room,
Jesus was preparing His disciples
for life without His physical presence—
that why He told them
exactly how they would continue
to experience Him.

He said the Father would send
“another Helper” (John 14:16).

Not a replacement.

Not a downgrade.

The word Jesus used means
another of the same kind—

One like Him.
The Spirit who would bring
Jesus' presence near.

He said,
"I will not leave you as orphans;
I will come to you" (John 14:18).
How would He come?
Through the Spirit
who would live in them,
not just with them.

He said the Spirit would teach them
and remind them
of everything He said (John 14:26).
Not by giving new truth,
but by making Jesus' words
alive,
present,
personal.

He said the Spirit would guide them
into all truth (John 16:13).
Truth isn't an idea.
Truth is a Person.
Jesus said,
"I am the truth" (John 14:6).
So the Spirit guides believers
deeper into Jesus Himself.

And then Jesus said something
breathtaking:
"He will glorify Me,
because He will take what is Mine
and declare it to you" (John 16:14).

You may not know this about Jesus—
He defined the Spirit's mission
in one sentence.

And once you see that,
you realize something stunning:
there is one thing

the Holy Spirit cannot do.
He cannot distract from Jesus.

This is the heart of Pentecost.
The Spirit gives power
so believers can experience
and reveal Jesus.

And the Lord told us
just how that would happen.