



THE MIGHTY WIND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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After Jesus Christ rose from the dead and spoke to His disciples He promised to send the mighty power of the Holy Spirit upon them.

He told them to wait in Jerusalem until this happened. He ascended into heaven and ten days later the wind of the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples. It filled the whole house where they were sitting and tongues of fire appeared upon each of them.

As a result of this experience they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were radically changed and went out and did great miracles of healing and deliverance. Consequently the Christian church was born.

Some years ago I was hosting, in conjunction with Youth for Christ, a camp for young people on my farm north of Auckland. There were about 1400 present.

On the first night we were holding a meeting and most of them were present. It was my turn to speak and as I was telling them about my own life and conversion to Jesus Christ, I heard a great wind approaching from behind the group towards me and then another wind coming from behind me.

The two winds met in the middle of the gathering and there was absolute chaos. People were thrown everywhere and some began to run away from the property, others ran onto the roof of the adjacent buildings, some ended up on the top of water tanks.

It was a powerful move of God, the same as on the day of Pentecost.

Initially the leaders of the group were horrified at what had happened. Gradually we got everybody together over the next day or so and explained that this was a manifestation of the power of God.

Two nights later we asked young people to give their testimonies of what had happened that night. They were dramatic. **Everyone said that when this power of God fell upon them, through these winds, their lives were immediately changed and they knew the absolute**

presence of God. Without exception they all committed their lives to Jesus Christ even though many of them had never been to church.

It was a dramatic occasion. One I will never forget.

We don't all have a similar experience to bring us to Christ but **in whatever way He is drawing us, it is important to be aware that God is truly alive. He is in charge of the universe. He loves us and wants us to share eternity with Him.**

Have you made that decision?

If not would you like to follow me in this simple prayer?

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. I confess my sins. I believe You sent Jesus Christ into this world, born of a virgin, that He died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins and to give me eternal life. I believe that He is now seated at the right hand of God.

I turn to You Lord Jesus and surrender my life to You. I believe I have been saved, I am being saved, I will be saved. Jesus is alive!

If you have said that prayer you should seek water baptism and find a Bible believing church where you can grow in the experience of knowing Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. I encourage you to read the Bible every day so you can have certainty in your heart that He will take you into eternal life with Him.

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