

## **FRESH SPIRITUAL SURGES**

### *THE HOLY SPIRIT*

Pastor Dennis Clanton

Woodland Church

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

*“While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.*

*The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem.*

*Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?”*

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says,*

*‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’*

*There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”*

*The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves.*

*“What should we do with these men?” they asked each other. “We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus’ name again.” So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.*

*But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”*

*The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn’t know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.” (Acts 4:1–22, NLT)*

**Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ gives us bold enthusiasm.**

*“After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31, NLT)*

1. I will ask the Lord daily for a fresh surge of the Holy Spirit in my life.
2. I anticipate a transformed life because of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

*“He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.” (Ephesians 1:8, NLT)*

*“We know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” (Romans 5:5, NLT)*

*“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.” (Romans 8:15–16 , NLT)*

- a. Relationships
- b. Ministry
- c. Worship
- d. Mind

*“He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.”* (John 14:17, NLT)

*“The Holy Spirit, ... will remind you of everything I have told you.”*  
(John 14:26, NLT)

3. These four manifestations of sinful nature will hinder my growth.

*“Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.”*  
(Exodus 4:13, NLT)

- a. Negativism
- b. Criticism
- c. Skepticism
- d. Cynicism

## **GROWTHWORK**

*“I’ve written to warn you about those who are trying to deceive you. But they’re no match for what is embedded deeply within you—Christ’s anointing, no less! You don’t need any of their so-called teaching. Christ’s anointing teaches you the truth on everything you need to know about yourself and him, uncontaminated by a single lie. Live deeply in what you were taught.”* (1 John 2:26–27 , Message)

“I had the greatest delight in the Holy Scriptures ... every word touched my heart ... almost every sentence seemed to be full of wonders.” Jonathan Edwards

1. Examine my personal agenda.

2. What distracts me from spiritual growth?
3. Have I allowed in manifestations of the sinful nature in my life?
4. Seek the Kingdom of God first!