***Day 3 - "Walk with Me in White!"***

**Let the River Flow**

***“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” John 7:38-39***

***“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Acts 1:4-5***

When we have been born again by choosing the free gift of God of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ [John 3; Romans 10:8-13; Ephesians 2:4-10], Holy Spirit comes and dwells within us. We are immersed in water baptism signifying that we have died to sin with Christ, buried with Him in order that we may be raised with Him and live as a new creation in Christ Jesus. [Romans 6]

Holy Spirit is 'living water' that flows from within the child of God.

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:16-18*

In John 20, after the crucifixion, Jesus came to His disciples and revealed Himself as risen from the dead! After showing Himself to them He 'breathes' on them, the very Ruah of God, the breath of God. This breath was the same breath that breathed into Adam and made him a living soul! The disciples were born again and commissioned by Jesus.

*“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

*So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” John 20:19-23*

Holy Spirit was now within those disciples whom He had called and chosen and yet He asks that they remain in Jerusalem and tarry there in prayer until they had received the promise of the Father. There was MORE.

*“Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:46-53*

*“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

The disciples obeyed the voice of their Lord and remained in Jerusalem. They positioned themselves to receive this 'promise' even though they probably had no idea what that would be! They knew that when Jesus came up out of the waters of baptism that the heavens were opened and Holy Spirit came and filled Jesus, and the Father had spoken audibly*, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased!" [Mark 1:10-11]*

What would God do? What would happen as they prayed and worshipped God? What did this mean? The Lord had positioned them to receive!

The promise of the Father would be given to the disciples of Jesus; those who have been born again! They would be filled to overflowing; baptized, immersed in the Holy Spirit for empowerment! God always wanted His people, His family, FULL AND OVERFLOWING WITH LIFE; HIS VERY PRESENCE; HIS HOLY SPIRIT in order to live life abundantly. He desires for His children to be overflowing with rivers of living water to go into the lost world and to continue the work Jesus began and to save those who are lost. In order for us to do this we had to have power and authority.

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Matthew 28:18-20*

In Acts 2, one beautiful day during Pentecost, as the disciples were gathered in prayer, Holy Spirit came like a mighty rushing wind and fire and fell upon all who were gathered. Now the disciples would be filled and overflowing with God's Spirit in order to fulfill the great commission Jesus gave to those who would serve Him.

They began to preach and give witness to the risen Lord Jesus and many were being saved! Signs, miracles and wonders followed them as they preached. "Repent and be baptized; be saved from this perverse generation."

The enemy, Satan, launched a full scale attack of persecution against the Lord's church in order to stop the rivers from flowing. God in His goodness chose to give the disciples MORE as they cried out,

*“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”*

*And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:29-31*

Father is good and He will give Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

*“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” Luke 11:9-13*

Throughout the testimony of the early church, the book of Acts records many wonderful works of God! Those filled with Holy Spirit would go and do just what Jesus commanded and they would also 'lay hands' on many and see them filled, baptized and immersed in Holy Spirit!

Rivers of living water were again flowing on this earth through God's chosen vessels of honor - His family - in order to seek and save those who were lost.

Would you be filled today? Let the rivers flow!

"Father, I thank you for saving my soul! Thank you for eternal life in Christ Jesus. I now ask Jesus, for You to baptize me in Holy Spirit and fire! Fill me to overflowing with Your LIFE and POWER! Let the rivers flow from within my spirit that I may be empowered to do what Jesus asked me to do on this earth! I receive the Ruah of God! Breathe on me and revive me again! MORE LORD, MORE! Thank you Jesus. Amen."

**Scripture reference:**

Gen. 2:7; John 1:32-34; Matthew 10:1-8; John 10:10; Mark 16:14-16; Joel 2:28,29; Acts 2,3; Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8-11; Luke 4:18-20; Matthew 13:12; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 8:12-17; Acts 9:11-20; Acts 26:12-20; Acts 10:38-48; Acts 19:1-7