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The Fire Of God By Vince C. Dorazio

Holy Fire

In the book of Exodus we read of the unforgettable story of Moses when he witnesses the burning bush. Moses sees the bush on fire on Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God, and he decides to get a closer look as to why it isn't consumed.

"Meanwhile Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law jethro, the priest of Midian, leading the flock across the desert; he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to him in the fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why he bush is not burned." When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "**Moses! Moses!**" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "**Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is Holy Ground!**" (Exodus 3:1-5)

This is the first time we hear about God being present in fire. The association of the presence and action of God with fire is found throughout the Bible.

We often associate the fire of God as a holy and grace giving event. But God uses His fire as a consuming fire as well when we read of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

"The sun was just rising over the earth as Lot arrived in Zoar; at the same time the Lord rained down sulphurous fire upon Sodom and Gomorrah (from the Lord out of Heaven). He overthrew those cities and the whole Plain, together with all the inhabitants of the cities and the produce of the soil." (Gen. 19:24-25)

HOLY SPIRIT FIRE

When John the Baptist was asked if he was the Messiah, "John answered them all, saying, 'I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to unfasten the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire!" (Luke 3:16) John the Baptist gives us the first sign that Jesus will be the Fire of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus comes he tells us

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already started! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:49-50)

The fire that Jesus speaks of is the Fire of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!

When we were baptized, we were given a candle that represented the Light of Christ within us; the Fire of God's Holy Spirit! We are to carry that light wherever we go bringing with us the promise of Jesus that He has not left us orphans, but has given us another to guide us and be with us always. He has given us His Holy Spirit!

This promise that Jesus made comes to reality on the Day of Pentecost when all who were gathered together in the upper room. There were in all 120 men and women. (Acts 1:13-15)

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." (Acts 2:2-4)

The "Fire of God" appeared to them and rested upon **ALL** of them as tongues of fire!

TOUCHED BY THE FIRE

Since the first Day of Pentecost millions of people all over the world have been touched by the fire of God. But throughout the years many have allowed that fire of God to grow dim. It is time to renew our Baptism of the Holy Spirit! It is time to tell the Good News and the promise of God! It is time to proclaim to all that

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Have you been touched by the fire of God's Holy Spirit? If so, now is the acceptable time to let everyone know it. If not, this is your opportunity to renew your life and accept the gift from God, the Fire of the Holy Spirit. All you have to do is ask. Jesus said,

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and everyone who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand your son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in Heaven give the Holy spirit to those who ask?" (Luke 11:9-13)



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THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROCLAIM THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

The weekly prayer meetings continue to be the primary gathering for people to come together with a personal commitment and renewed relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior. Jesus said, **"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst"** (Matt. 18:20)

If you haven't been to a prayer meeting in recent years, or have taken an extended vacation away from the weekly prayer meetings, now is an excellent time to begin again anew. It is a good time to renew your personal relationship with Jesus, and commit yourself to become a regular participant along with other people who believe as you do. Or maybe you know of someone else that is in need of a personal relationship with Jesus. We will welcome all to join with us to share a song of praise and worship. Come and share a word of Scripture or maybe a prayer of healing. Our prayer group meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM at St. Albert's Catholic Church, 29th Avenue South & East 32nd Street, Minneapolis.

NEED PRAYER?

We continue to receive prayer requests from those who are in need of personal prayers. I ask you to consider adding to your daily prayers all those who are in need of your prayer support. That way we can ALL be praying for each other every day.

If you are in need of personal prayer, we would like to add you to our daily prayer requests. Use the form below and send us your prayer request, and we will add your request to our prayer list.

Please pray for all those in need!

HOLIDAY SEASON

As we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember to who we give our thanks. God has given us Jesus as our redeemer and we celebrate his birth this Christmas by sharing gifts with our family and friends. So this season let us remember the greatest gift that we have received from God; **JESUS and HIS HOLY SPIRIT!**



ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS



VINCE DORAZIO will be speaking at the Immaculate Conception Prayer Meeting on Tuesday December 2, 2008. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 4030 Jackson Street, Columbia Heights, MN. For directions call Larry & Mary Nawrocki at 763-574-0092.

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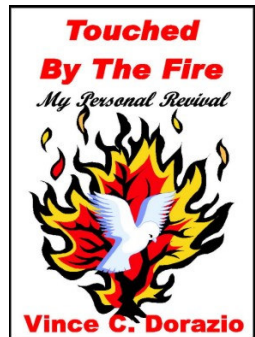
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