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### Tongues Of Fire By Vince Dorazio

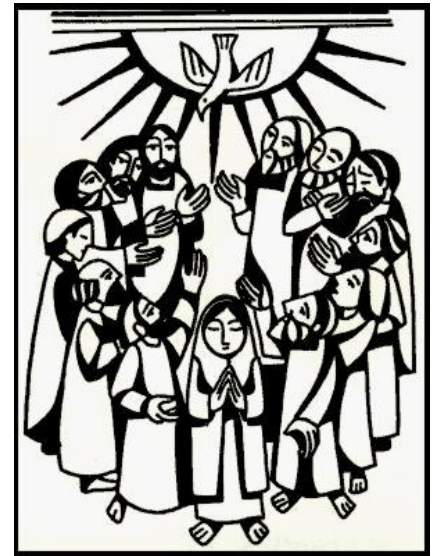
**J**esus had told His followers **"to wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."** (Acts 1:3-4) The festival of Pentecost, a celebration of the 'first fruits' of the grain harvest fifty days after the feast of the unleavened bread, was in full celebration as people filled the streets of Jerusalem. And when that day of Pentecost came, it came in a very dramatic way. The followers of Jesus were gathered together in an upper room (120 in all).

*"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. 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 2:1-4)

You will notice that St. Luke tells us that **ALL** (120) were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other

tongues as the Spirit prompted them. No one was excluded. Now filled with "Holy Boldness" from God, they made their way into the streets of Jerusalem where hundreds of people were in celebration of the 'first fruits' of the grain harvest. They began telling everyone about the good news of God that **Jesus is the Messiah!**

When questioned by the people, it was St Peter who spoke up saying, *"this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will come to pass in the last days,' God says, 'that I will pour out a portion of my Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. Indeed, upon my servants and my handmaids I will pour out a portion of my Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. And I will work wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and splendid day of the Lord, and it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord."* (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 3:1-4)



#### **FIRST FRUITS**

The festival of Pentecost (Feast Of Harvest, Ex. 23:16) represented the bringing of the 'first fruits' of the labor of the grain harvest to God. It not only represented the harvest, but also a new beginning. It was on this day that God poured out on all people His first fruits of the Holy Spirit and gave us a new beginning. It is on this day that we celebrated the birth of the Christian Church.

The church began without organization. It began with evangelism, teaching and testimony. Organization came much later. God began Christianity with the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

## GIFT OF TONGUES AND CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

The gift of tongues is an ecstatic prayer in praise of God. It is a gift from God for all people today, just as it was for all those on that first day of Pentecost. This is God's way of giving us His 'first fruits' of His Holy Spirit as He poured out a portion of His Holy Spirit on all mankind. As we continue to read the Acts of the Apostles, you will notice that the Holy Spirit's gift of tongues accompanied all those who accepted Jesus as their Messiah and were baptized in the Holy Spirit. But what has this to do with the Charismatic Renewal today?

When we attend a Charismatic Prayer Meeting, we are coming together as one body in Christ Jesus to give praise, honor and glory to God through the power of the Holy Spirit! When we praise God in tongues, we are praising Him in the Holy Spirit that He has given to us.

Someone once asked me, "Do I have to praise in tongues to be in the Charismatic Renewal?" I answered, "I don't know anyone who is in the Charismatic Renewal who doesn't pray in tongues!" This is God's unique gift to us, and we should use it as often as possible; daily. What good are gifts from God if we don't intend to use them? My motto is **"use them, or lose them!"**



Think back at Christmas time when a child receives a Christmas present or maybe

at a birthday party when they receive a birthday gift. Do they ignore what is inside the present and put it away in a closet? No, they immediately rip open the wrappings to get at the gift inside. Then they want to begin using and playing with that gift. It's the same with God's gift of the Holy Spirit. God has given us His "first fruit" gift of the Holy Spirit, and He does not want us to put them away for some other time. He wants us to begin using what He has given us right away, immediately!

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(Acts 2:2-4)

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Did you receive God's 'first fruit' gift of "tongues of fire"? Are you using God's gift daily or have you put it aside for another time? Now is the time to come together with other brothers and sisters in a Charismatic Prayer Meeting. Together we can lift up our praises and worship God in one voice and **one body in Christ Jesus!**

"We should not absent ourselves from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another." (Heb. 10:25)

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

## PRAYER REQUEST

We have received many requests for individual prayers. Please be assured that your requests are remembered in our daily prayers. If you have a request for an individual prayer need, we would like to add your need to our daily prayer list. As always, please remember to keep all those in need in your prayers also. Send in your prayer request to:

**New Life CRM  
6253 Penn Avenue South  
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Also remember to pray for our New Life Renewal Ministry that we may continue to do all that Jesus asks us to do, and to be a messenger for the Lord bringing the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus to all people that

**JESUS CHRIST  
IS LORD!**

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# CHARISMATIC RENEWAL REVIVAL MEETING

**June 30, --- 7:30 PM**

**St Albert's Catholic Church  
3200 – East 29 St. Minneapolis**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly gathering of all Charismatic Christians in the Twin Cities Area. This is also a great opportunity to invite others to attend a Charismatic gathering for the first time to "come and see".

If you would like to be a part of this ongoing ministry as a musician, usher, helper, or with refreshments after the meeting, please call:

Mark at 612-282-9896 or

Vince at 612-243-9411

Join us on the LAST THURSDAY of the month as we come together in prayer and praise and ask God to restore and renew us as

**"ONE BODY IN CHRIST!"**

## **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

Our next Life In The Spirit Seminar will begin in the fall of 2011. For more information and to register, please call Vince at 612-243-9411, or Mark at 612-282-9896

## **HEALING CONFERENCE CD'S** **5 CD Set -- \$25 – FREE SHIPPING**

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*Sing To  
The  
Lord A  
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Song*

## **MUSIC MINISTRY FOR NEW LIFE CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OUTREACH**

**We are in the process of forming a Charismatic Renewal Music Ministry.**

**Do you enjoy singing, or play the guitar, keyboard, drums, flute or any other musical instrument and would like to become part of an ongoing music ministry sharing the Good News of the Gospel in praise and worship at Prayer Meetings, Days Of Renewal, & Conference Weekends?**

**Please join us for an information meeting (with your instrument) in July at St. Albert The Great Catholic Church, 3200 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis. Call for date and time:**

**Vince at 612-243-9411 or**

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