

# Ghost Stories Part 2 October 10, 2021 Pastor Brian Gobar



## I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. Ghost stories
  - We run away from what we're afraid of
- B. Fear comes from misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit

John 16:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

John 14:16-17 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, <u>whom the world cannot receive</u>, because <u>it neither sees Him nor knows Him</u>; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

- C. The Holy spirit is a mysterious part of our faith
  - The word SPIRIT is rendered as Ruach in the Old Testament. It means, breath, wind, or spirit, Ruach, is the breath of Yahweh which carries His life-force, When God breathed into Adam's nostrils the breath of life. God's breath, His creative power,
  - The Greek translates the word as pneuma breath. It is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word *ruach*.

### **II. THREE IN ONE**

- A. One God with three expressions
  - If you don't see the Holy Spirit as God, then you're going to treat Him and His work as either something "optional" or unnecessary
- B. The Holy Spirit isn't an add-on He's essential

John 14:26 (NKJV) <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- We have taught the Holy Spirit as an experience
- C. There are similarities between wind and the Holy Spirit
  - Wind is unseen
  - Wind is unpredictable
  - Wind is powerful



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If we want the power that the Holy Spirit brings then we'll have to embrace the uncertainty He brings

## III. BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

- A. What happens when the Spirit gets in you?
  - Being filled with the Spirit is what happens when the Holy Spirit has the controlling interest in your life.
- B. Be dominated by the Spirit

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT) <sup>15</sup> So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. <sup>17</sup> Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. <sup>18</sup> Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>19</sup> singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

- C. The Holy Spirit fundamentally changes us in three ways:
  - The Holy Spirit Changes the Way We Walk
  - The Holy Spirit Changes the Way We Talk
  - The Holy Spirit Changes the Way We Act
- D. What are you filling your life with?