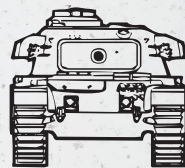


MAN ON FIRE



WARM UP



Rick Kirchoff says, "When God sends forth the Spirit amazing things happen: barriers are broken, communities are formed, opposites are reconciled, unity is established, disease is cured, addiction is broken, cities are renewed, races are reconciled, hope is established, people are blessed, and church happens. Today the Spirit of God is present and we're gonna have church. So be ready, get ready... God is up to something... discouraged folks cheer up, dishonest folks 'fess up, sour folks sweeten up, closed folks open up, gossipers shut up, conflicted folks make up, sleeping folks wake up,

BACKGROUND

Fire is mentioned over 500 times in the Bible.

- When Solomon dedicated the temple, it says the glory of the Lord fell and fire fell from heaven.
- Daniel had a vision of the Ancient of Days. The Bible says that the throne was on fire and a river of fire came out from it.
- Ezekiel saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it, full of fire.
- In the Law of Moses God said to the priests, "Don't ever let the fire on the altar go out. It must burn continually".
- John the Baptist said, "I baptise with water, but there is one coming after me who is mightier than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire".
- And Jesus said... "I have come to cast fire on the Earth, and how I wish it were already kindled". (Luke 12:49)

lukewarm folks fire up, dry bones shake up, and pew potatoes stand up! But most of all, Christ the Saviour of all the world is lifted up."

READ Matthew 3:11



QUESTIONS

1. What stops you from being on fire for God?



2. How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

3. Have you been baptised with the Holy Spirit?



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will pray for the filling of the Holy Spirit!



CONSIDER THIS

As a result of the Welsh Revival:

- A rage of bankruptcies took place - all of the taverns and liquor stores went out of business.
- Work at the coal mines was brought to a near standstill. The mules who pulled the wagons were so accustomed to hearing foul language from the workers that after the men were saved, the mules no longer recognised their voices or commands.
- The entire police force was dismissed for almost 18 months due to a complete lack of crime.
- One of the few court cases that was actually brought before a judge was unusual. The defendant came into the court and admitted his guilt, the judge led the man to Christ and the jury closed the case by singing a hymn.

WRAP UP

The poet William Blake wrote a poem about Pentecost...

Unless the eye catches fire,
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catches fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catches fire,
God will not be named.
Unless the heart catches fire,
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catches fire,
God will not be known.