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**“The Power of Unifying Under Obedience”**

Acts 2:2-4

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a

rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire,

and one sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to

speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1. **Two Major Points:**
2. Unifying under disobedience produces divine judgement, confusion, division and uselessness
3. Unifying under obedience brings forth God’s spiritual power, favor, and productivity

**Unifying Under disobedience:**

1. After the flood in Genesis 9:
2. The people, under the leadership of Nimrod disobeyed God
* Nimrod was the great-grandson of Noah, his father was Cush.
* Nimrod rebelled against God by building a tower—a ziggurat

 Genesis 11:4

1. The Apostle Paul’s statement Romans 1:21-22 NLT

21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God

or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like.

As a result, their minds became dark and confused.

22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.

23 And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God,

they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and

birds and animals and reptiles.

1. The Lord God comes down from Heaven

Genesis 11:5-9

**God’s divine judgement that brought confusion,**

Genesis 11:7-9

**Division & Uselessness:**

 Genesis 11:8-9

1. In **Geneses 12**, God called a man named Abraham
2. Terah, Abraham’s father worshipped idols
3. God saw that Abraham was different
4. God calls Abraham out from Ur

 Genesis 12:1-2

1. God never went back His covenant He made with Abraham—Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NKJV)

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and

give you a heart of flesh.

27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to

walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

1. Jesus commands His Disciples and followers to unify in **Acts 1:4-5**
2. Acts 24-11, God fills His people with the Spirit
3. There were 5 powerful realities that takes place when we are filled with the Holy Spirit:
4. We’re baptized in the Holy Spirit—**1 Corinthians 12:13**

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

1. We’re Born Again (Spiritually Transformed)—**Titus 3:5**

“not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit’

1. We become Children of God—John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”

1. Our Salvation is Sealed by the Holy Spirit—Ephesians 1:13

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”

1. Our Eternal Life is secured by the Holy Spirit—John 14:1-3

1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.