

## COMFORT 3

### “Moving from Control into Trust”

#### I. The Comforter

##### A. Pentecost

**Define:** Pentecost (Pentekoste) - Fiftieth

##### B. The Feast of Pentecost

In the Old Testament the “Feast of Pentecost” was a Celebration of the Summer Harvest that Occurred 50 days after Passover.

##### C. The Day of Pentecost

In the New Testament, the Church was Birthed on the Day of Pentecost, 50 Days after Jesus’ Resurrection.

**Acts 2:1–2 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> **When the Day of Pentecost had fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> **And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.**

#### II. Pentecost was a Fulfillment of Prophecy

##### A. John the Baptist Prophesied about Pentecost

**Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, **but He who is coming after me is mightier than I... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

##### B. Jesus Prophesied about Pentecost

**Acts 1:4–5 (NKJV)** <sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, Jesus commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but **to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

**Principle 1:** The Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement now Accounts for One in Four Christians around the World; approximately 669 million people.

##### C. Pentecost Empowered the Church for World Evangelism

**Acts 1:8 (NKJV)** **You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

**Principle 2:** The Holy Spirit Empowers the Church for with Love, Grace and inspiration for World-Wide Evangelism.

#### III. What the Holy Spirit is Doing Today

**Principle 3:** The Holy Spirit Enables us today to live for Christ with Resilience and Endurance beyond Our Natural Strength and Ability.

## A. Our Helper

**John 14:16** (NKJV) I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper** (*just like me*), **that He may abide with you forever.**

Jesus' Promise in Matthew 28:20, to Never Leave Us takes place through the Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Define:** Helper - a Person who Supports Us in Our Daily Life.

**Principle 4:** The Holy Spirit Helps, Instructs, and Guides Us into All Truth and Inspires Us to Spread the Good News of the Gospel.

## B. The Holy Spirit Works With Us, Through Us and In Us

### 1. The Spirit is With Us

**John 14:17** (NKJV) **the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

**Principle 5:** The Word that John Uses to Describe the Holy Spirit is "paraclete"; this Word Means Helper, Intercessor, Counselor, One Who Comes Alongside to Direct Our Lives and Make Us more like Jesus.

### 2. The Spirit Acts through Us

**Mark 16:15-16** (RPT) <sup>15</sup> And Jesus said to them, "**As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race!**" <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes the good news and is baptized will be saved, and whoever does not believe the good news will be condemned.

**Principle 6:** The Spirit Filled Life is More than a Style of Worship, it's a Lifestyle of Purpose; where the Holy Spirit Gives Us Courage beyond Our Human Nature to be an Eye Witness of God's Unconditional Love.

### 3. The Spirit Lives in Us

**2 Corinthians 6:16** (NKJV) ... **For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: "*I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.*"

**Principle 7:** The Moment We Receive Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit takes Up Residence in Our Heart and Infuses Our Life with His Presence; Scripture Encourages Us to be Regularly Filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 5:18** (NKJV) do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit.**