“DRESSED TO IMPRESS; DRESSED TO IMPACT; DRESSED TO EMPOWER”

ACTS 1: 1-5

A 3-PART SERMON SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT
ACTS 1: 1-5 (NIV)

1In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. 3After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the Kingdom of God. 4On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
“DRESSED TO IMPRESS”

• the Disciples were told by Jesus to go to Jerusalem and wait to be clothed by the Holy Spirit.
  • when we are clothed from on high, we are being clothed with power.
  • when we “Dress To Impress”, we are matching the power within us with the power that is on us.
  • once we are “Dressed to Impress”, we are also “Dressed to Impact”.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT?
What is the meaning of the word “impact”?

“the action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another object.”

- when impact occurs between two cars, it’s called a collision or a crash
- when impact occurs between two glass containers, it’s called a smash
- when impact occurs between two people, it’s called a clash

- when impact occurs between two objects, there’s going to be some damage…
  - Why? Because Something Has To Give!
IMPACT & THE HOLY SPIRIT

• Who is the Holy Spirit? What impact does the Holy Spirit make?
  • Jesus explains who He is and what impact He makes in:
    • John 14:16-17
    • John 14:26
    • John 15:26
    • John 16:7
JOHN 14: 16-17 (KJV)

16 And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but ye know him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you.

• according to these verses, when we are clothed with the Holy Spirit, we are Impacted by Truth!
IMPACT & TRUTH

• the action of truth can only come forcibly into contact with what other object?

the answer is

LIES
1 JOHN 4: 4-6

“1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore they speak of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God hears not us. Hereby we know the Spirit of Truth, and the spirit of lies.”
IMPACT READINESS QUESTION #1

Are you “Dressed for Impact”?  
(Spirit of Truth)

or

Are you “Dressed for Deception”?  
(Spirit of Lies)
JOHN 14:26 (KJV)

\[26\text{But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.}\]

• according to these verses, when we are clothed with the Holy Spirit, we are Impacted by Knowledge!
IMPACT & KNOWLEDGE

• the action of knowledge can only come forcibly into contact with what other object?

the answer is
IGNORANCE
“12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”
IMPACT READINESS QUESTION #2

Are you “Dressed for Impact”?  
(Spirit of Knowledge)

or

Are you “Dressed for Foolishness”?  
(Spirit of Ignorance)
JOHN 15: 26-27 (KJV)

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceeds from the Father, He shall testify of me: 27 And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

• according to these verses, when we are clothed with the Holy Spirit, we are Impacted by His Witness
IMPACT & WITNESSING

• the action of witnessing can only come forcibly into contact with what other object?

the answer is

PLEADING THE 5\textsuperscript{TH}

\textit{(which is an exercising of our “right to remain silent”)}
LUKE 12: 8-12

“8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God: 9 But he that denies me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. 10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemes against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven. 11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take no thought how or what thing you shall answer, or what you shall say: 12 For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say”
IMPACT READINESS QUESTION #3

Are you “Dressed for Impact”?  
(Spirit of Witnessing)

or

Are you “Dressed for Silence”?  
(Spirit of “Pleading the 5th”)
JOHN 16: 7-11

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. 8 And when He comes, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on Me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and you see Me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

• according to these verses, when we are clothed with the Holy Spirit, we are Impacted by Holiness
IMPACT & HOLINESS

• the action of holiness can only come forcibly into contact with what other object?

the answer is

SIN
1 PETER 1:13-16

“13Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming. 14As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15But just as He who called you is Holy, so be holy in all you do; 16for it is written: “Be holy, because I am Holy.”
IMPACT READINESS QUESTION #4

Are you “Dressed for Impact”?
(Spirit of Holiness)

or

Are you “Dressed for Judgement”?
(Spirit of Sin)
“DRESSED TO IMPACT”
(Are you ready to make an impact?)

• TRUTH MUST PREVAIL OVER LIES
• KNOWLEDGE MUST PREVAIL OVER IGNORANCE
• WITNESSING MUST PREVAIL OVER “PLEDING THE 5TH”
• HOLINESS MUST PREVAIL OVER SIN
WHAT’S AT STAKE?

• When impact occurs between truth and lies, 
  BELIEF is at stake

• When impact occurs between knowledge and ignorance, 
  REPENTANCE is at stake.

• When impact occurs between witnessing and “pleading the 5th”, 
  SALVATION is at stake

• When impact occurs between holiness and sin, 
  ETERNAL LIFE is at stake.