

Sermon Notes for 10/18:

John 14:25-27

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 2:16-18, 21 (Joel 2:28-29, 31)

This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In those days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit and they will prophesy...and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Acts 11:15-17

When I started to speak to Cornelius and his family, the Holy Spirit came down on them. It happened in the same way that he first came down on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord Jesus had said to us: "John baptized people with water, but God will baptize you with his Holy Spirit." So we see that God gave these Gentiles his gift of the Holy Spirit. This is the same gift that he gave to us Jews who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. So I could never try to stop God.

Emily Swan (Solus Jesus)

We now live in the age of the Holy Spirit, a time in our collective spiritual history when God's Spirit, unleashed into the world with unprecedented power, roams and romances those desperately seeking unfettered connection with God and humankind. For all the mess and misappropriation of Jesus' name, we still hold that the Holy Spirit works in this complex system we inhabit and that this Spirit is working for our good.

Kevin Young (Requiem for the Progressive Church: Part 3)

Here's something nobody in progressive Christianity likes to hear: many of our churches have almost no movement of the Spirit. Evangelical churches have some. Charismatic churches have it in abundance. The Black church has had it for more than two centuries...Most progressive and mainline churches have a lovely bulletin, a thoughtful sermon, and almost no sense that God might actually show up. And if God did, most everyone would be asleep and miss it.