

The **Helper - 2**

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

ACTS 2:1-12

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*Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of it.
They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Acts 2:12 (MsgB)*

People want to know what Pentecost means. . . what tongues and interpretation mean. . . what prophesy means. . . *but can we tell them?* We often create more questions than we answer. We're not very unified or articulate. So by way of review and proclamation I propose that contemporary Pentecostals need to take five steps to insure that the world and the church receive the truth, and the power that Jesus promised.

1. WE MUST RE-ASSERT THE _____.

John 14:16 (NASB) *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever...*

John 14:16 (NIV) *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever...*

John 14:16 (NAB) *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always...*

John 14:16 (NJB) *I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you for ever...*

John 14:16 (LB) *and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you.*

John 14:16 (MsgB) *I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you.*

The Holy Spirit is a *Person*.

He is a part of the *Trinity*.

He is more than an *attribute—influence—energy—feeling—experience*.

First, notice the Promise is a _____.

Secondly, that Person provides us with supernatural _____.

But 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. Acts 1:8

2. WE MUST RE-STORE THE _____.

*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall **be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" Acts 1:4*

We must restore this priority in the Church, that we will wait on the Lord for the POWER of God before we try to accomplish it by our own strength.

3. WE MUST RE-IDENTIFY THE _____.

But 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. Acts 1:8

**The Holy Spirit is come to empower the church to finish the work Jesus started –
"to seek and save the lost".**

4. WE MUST RE-CONSIDER THE _____.

Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." Acts 2:13

**Pentecostal people will be out of step with this culture!
We must be willing to pay that price!**

5. WE MUST RE-ACQUIRE _____.

"The world which we confront today is aggressively pagan. Many influences in modern life work to undermine the Christian view of life, and subtly to convert even church people from an outright Christian faith. The only adequate answer is for Christians to recover the New Testament power of spiritual aggression."

Karl Barth