

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Episode 4

Summary

At Pentecost, the law of Divine Love is poured out into the human heart. Love is the most powerful force in the world. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is the most powerful force in the world. Love is not passive but a force that goes on the offensive. Love always triumphs! The light of God's love shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Jesus is more powerful than all of the forces of hell and he gives us his power when he gives us his Spirit. The light of Love goes forth into the darkness and pagan temples were converted to Catholic Churches. The light and love of Christ toppled an empire.

Scripture

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" - **Acts 2:1-4**

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" - **Luke 11:13**

"If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot." - **Jeremiah 20:9**

Quotes

"Pentecost, which reveals the face of the Church as a family gathered together with Mary, enlivened by the powerful outpouring of the Spirit and ready for the mission of evangelization."

- **St. John Paul II**

"Allow me to be eaten by the beasts, which are my way of reaching to God. I am God's wheat, and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become the pure bread of Christ."

- **St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Discussion Questions

1. Where did the Holy Spirit move most profoundly in your heart during this episode?
2. Did any of the locations in this episode impact you and why? The Pantheon (a former pagan temple), The Coliseum (former arena where Christians were martyred), St. Stefano Rotondo (the Church with all the paintings of the early Christian martyrs).
3. Which fruit(s) of the Holy Spirit do you need to beg God for the most? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Resolution

St. John Paul II promised a new springtime of Christianity. He said we can count on the same Spirit poured out at Pentecost! The Spirit that empowered the Apostles to preach, to heal, to go forth with bold enthusiasm to proclaim the glory of God to the ends of the earth is offered to us. Let us empty ourselves of the spirit of this world that we may be filled with the Spirit of God that the Father longs to pour out into our hearts. Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire!

