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And when he had said this, he **breathed on them**, and saith unto **them**, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost.**

So the Holy Ghost is the breath of Jesus Christ! Let us examine this more and see how this can be possible.

Jesus said: Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued** with power from on high.

The word **endued** means to be **made alive with**. We are made alive with power from on high when we receive the Holy Ghost. This power grants us authority over, sickness, sin, demons, through the Name of Jesus and allows us power to live a life that is free from sin.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the **Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

John 20:20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**

John 20:24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

John 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

John 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

John 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**

Thomas and the other disciples knew who Jesus was. He was the spirit of the Almighty God manifested in the flesh. The body was the son of God after the flesh; however, the Spirit that was within that body was God.

Isaiah 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and **believe** me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Hosea 13:4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no God but me: for there is no Saviour beside me.

I Timothy **3:16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The word Spirit in Hebrew is ruach, as used in the Old Testament means wind, breath or spirit.

The same word Spirit is sometime written in the New Testament in Greek as pneuma which means wind, breath or spirit.

Wind of God

There are 87 times that the Spirit is described as wind and 37 of these describe the wind as an Agent of God, mostly baneful, (destructive or deadly), and ever strong and intense. The wind clearly reflects the Power of God.

God deployed this Spirit, Breath or Wind to part the Red Sea for his people.

Exodus **14:21** And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

God deployed His Spirit as a Wind to calm the troubled waters.

Genesis **1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

God deployed His Spirit as a Wind to dry up the earth after the flood.

Genesis **8:1** And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

Hosea **13:15** Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

Jesus explained the Spirit of God as the Wind to Nicodemus.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

The Spirit of God and the Breath of The Almighty God are the same.

Job **33:4** The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

This breath of God is what distinguishes man as being different from all other animals. Man is a living soul by the breath of life from God. Man, since he is a living soul, can not die. The soul will live forever somewhere. You have the choice of where you spend eternity after you lay down this house of flesh. You are made of three parts, body, (the flesh), soul, (the breath of God), and spirit, (your personality or who you really are when no one is looking). The soul and spirit will live forever. You can choose Heaven by choosing the New Birth experience, then living a righteous life for God. You choose hell by doing nothing to obtain heaven. Jesus said; “ye must be born again of the water, (see baptism) and the Spirit.”

THE SPIRIT AS THE WORD OR BREATH OF HIS MOUTH IS POWERFUL

Psalms 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

This same creative breath that spoke this world into existence is the Spirit that dwells in us through the power of the Holy Ghost. This is the reason Jesus could say, “ye shall be endued, (made alive), with Power from on high.”

THE SPIRIT OF GOD GIVES STRENGTH TO MEN

14:5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

14:6 And the **Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him**, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

14:19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house

15:14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15:15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith

16:3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD GIVES WISDOM TO MEN

Exodus 35:31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in **wisdom**, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship

Deuteronomy 34:9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of **wisdom**; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

1 Kings 4:29 And God gave Solomon **wisdom** and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

Isaiah 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom** and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

JESUS IS OUR COMFORTER

John 14:16 **And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

John 14:26 **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.

John 15:26 But when the **Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father,**

even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:7 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.**

Jesus said, **“I will pray that the Father send you a Comforter.”**

“The Comforter is the Holy Ghost.”

“The Father will send the Comforter in My Name.”

“Whom I will send unto you from the Father.”

Then states, **“I will send him unto you.”**

Jesus explained the mystery of who was coming and who the Holy Ghost is when he concluded, **“I will come to you.”**

John 14:18 **“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”**

Jesus is the Holy Ghost, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, The Mighty God. He is the Word, Flesh and Spirit. This is the reason he could breathe on his Disciples and say, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost.”

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:14 And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

This is the reason Jesus could breathe on his disciples and tell them to, “receive ye the Holy Ghost.” He was God, (the Word), manifested in the flesh.

GOD’S SPIRIT GIVES STRENGTH TO HIS SERVANTS TO SPEAK

2 Samuel **23:2** The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

Isaiah 28:11 For with **stammering lips** and another tongue will he speak to this people.

STAMMERING LIPS AND ANOTHER TONGUE IS EVIDENCE THAT YOU BELIEVE

John 4:42 And said unto the woman, Now we **believe**, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe** on his name: (His Name is Jesus).

John 3:15 That whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:18 He that **believeth** on him is not condemned: but he that **believeth** not is condemned already, because he hath not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 He that **believeth** on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that **believeth** not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

JESUS SAID THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE

Mark 16:16 He that **believeth** and is baptized shall be saved; but he that **believeth** not shall be damned.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that **believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues**;

Many people say that they believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and this “believing” is enough for Salvation. I ask you as Paul asked the followers of John the Baptist in Acts. Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they **spake with tongues**, and prophesied.

So “new tongues” is the initial sign of the Holy Ghost or the Spirit of God dwelling in you. These tongues are the sign that you believe. This is the sign that You have received the breath, spirit, or wind of the Almighty God. Acts

The Church was established in the book of Acts. No other place in the Bible will you find the complete plan of Salvation in its entirety. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are called The Gospels, (meaning good news). They tell of the divine virgin birth of Jesus, his deity, miracles

and the calling of his disciples to carry **His** message to the world. The books from Romans through Jude are to Churches that were established in the book of Acts. These books were like maintenance manuals dealing with specific problems and encouragement to these churches. Revelations is also called The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

There were Three Feasts that God commanded to be observed.

The second feast was to commemorate the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. It was fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. This feast was called the Feast of Pentecost, also called feast of weeks, of wheat harvest and first fruits. Pentecost means fifty. When the Law was given on Mount Ras Sufsafeh-Jebel Musa in the Sinai mountain range, there was smoke, fire and the mountain melted and ran down. There was a sound as of a loud trumpet. The Lord God was getting their attention.

Jesus died on the cross during the celebration of the first feast. He arose from the dead and taught his disciples an additional 40 days after his resurrection and before his ascension.

Acts **1:2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Acts 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth

AGAIN GOD DEPLOYS HIS SPIRIT AS A RUSHING MIGHTY WIND

It was no surprise to his disciples when on the Day of Pentecost, (the feast that commemorated the giving of the law, or first covenant, on Mt. Sinai), that the second covenant was ushered in with loud sound as of a rushing mighty wind. Nothing would get the attention of fishermen like the sound of a rushing mighty wind!

The first covenant was ushered in with the sound of a trumpet exceedingly loud. There was smoke, fire, the mountain melted and run down. These were signs that something special was happening.

On the day of Pentecost there were also similar signs, cloven tongues, like as of fire, loud noise as of a rushing mighty wind. You may ask why do similar signs not happen when someone receives the Holy Ghost today? This was for a sign of the new covenant. Mount Sinai did not melt and run down, except on the one time when the first covenant was given. Neither did the mountain melt and run down each time that the covenant was read or enacted.

Acts **2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts **2:2** And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,** and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts **2:3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts **2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This was the new covenant that is still in effect today. The complete plan of salvation was given by Peter when asked, “what shall we do?”

Acts **2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same **Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

Acts **2:37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and **said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost or the indwelling Spirit of the Almighty God, is still being poured out today. The plan of Salvation is the same as when it was explained on the day of Pentecost. Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts **2:39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.