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# BUT, YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER...!

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Today I would like to share with you a theme which is often neglected even in many Pentecostal churches – the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, some of the leading Pentecostal denominations in the world practice this less and less and even forbid the public speaking of tongues and worshipping in a spiritual language; while on the other hand, we witness many who are not Pentecostals who seek the Holy Spirit, receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and speaking in a heavenly language.

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Before we look at the Bible, I would like to briefly look back at some historical facts in relation to the Pentecostal movement in the world, and in Croatia.

I would first like to quote a couple of sentences from Dr. Stanko Jambreč from his book titled “Church of the Reformation Heritage in Croatia.” I am quoting from the chapter which speaks about the beginning of the Pentecostal movement – page 95 and further.

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*"The Pentecostal movement is a phenomenon of the 20<sup>th</sup> century... toward the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century many groups of the Holiness Movement (the Holiness Movement – arose between 1840 and 1850 among Methodists in the USA as an effort to develop and remember the teachings of John Wesley regarding complete holiness and Christian perfection... Methodists recalled the foundations for a spiritual awakening in Wesley's experience of "complete holiness" through the baptism of the Holy Spirit) they began to pray for the coming of a new Pentecost, which would stir up the world and bring apostolic power to the church. At the Bethel Bible School located in Topeka Kansas under the leadership of school director Charles Fox Parham students began to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. In the evening of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1900, thirty-year old student Agnes Ozman began to speak in tongues as a result of specifically seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. After receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit by themselves, Parham and the students concluded that the gift of tongues is a Biblical sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.*

*In the year 1905 Parham moved to Houston, where he opened a Bible School. In this school William J. Seymour, an African America preacher, became acquainted with Pentecostal teaching and afterward began to preach these teachings in Los Angeles. Seymour was invited by a believer to Los Angeles to preach about the merciful working of the Holy Spirit. He preached in a*

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*former Methodist church on Azusa Street, the industrial part of Los Angeles. In the beginning mostly African Americans came to the meetings, but soon people of all nationalities began coming. People from all parts of America came to Azusa Street to accept the baptism of the Holy Spirit and to bring back the Pentecostal message to their homes and churches.*

*Believers filled with the Holy Spirit returned to their traditional churches with a hope that bringing the power of the Holy Spirit would renew their congregations. But the majority of the churches did not accept their enthusiasm and message about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These Spirit-filled Christians were excluded from their churches under the accusation that they were fanatics who were spreading false doctrine, so they began to independently gather and quickly formed a new denomination. From 1895-1925 thirty-eight different Pentecostal denominations began operating in America.*

One of these movements today is the Full Gospel Movement. One of the largest churches in the world is the Yoida Full Gospel Church in Korea. History is full of examples of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the phenomenon of church growth. For example, there is a legend about two brothers from Chicago; history alleges that after these two were baptized in the Holy Spirit on Azusa Street they left for Brazil dressed in wolves' skin. In 1915 when they arrived in Brazil they had only twenty-two cents to their name. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and said, "God called us to Brazil!" They didn't have anything to eat nor did they have money, and no one wanted to welcome them. Finally one Catholic priest welcomed them and invited

them to stay in a room in the church. One day they prayed for eleven people who became baptized in the Holy Spirit and began to speak in a spiritual language, after which they were cast out of the church.

Today in Brazil, according to statistics, there are more than 12 million Pentecostal believers draw their roots from these two brothers. Church, **they had the true baptism of the Holy Spirit which gave them strength for winning souls.** In fact, there is such a large growth of believers in Latin America that the present Pope traveled there in an attempt to investigate the diminishing number of Catholics.

What has happened in Croatia? Again I quote from Dr Stanko Jambrek's book:

*The Pentecostal movement in Croatia began spontaneously in a little town called Baša, in the region of Srijem, among German students - pious believers of the Evangelical and Reformation church. These students – converted believers - called for after-hours of Bible study...often they remembered their evangelists and pastors from Germany. Nicholas Betschel, in his memorandum "Geschichten die das Leben Schrieb (Experiences That Life Wrote) notes: "In our native town Beška lived one teacher, an evangelistic believer named Samuel Scumacher. In his house he held hours of prayer and Bible study...in his Bible study and hours of personal prayer he felt a strong manifestation of the Spirit...Betschel remembered that two women had experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1907. One was a German woman named Susana Kniesel, the daughter of a farmer. Her family attended a reformation church, and went to Samuel's Bible*

*study. Susana received the Baptism in the Spirit while birthing her youngest daughter Sofija. She spoke in a spiritual language. Her husband thought that she had gone mad. Her husband, also a believer, found himself in certain trouble and feared for the worst. He was acquainted with another brother who was a witness in this situation. After his wife thence with extreme joy thanked the Lord in a known language, he was comforted and encouraged by her...the believers with great hope expected that they would be accepted in their churches, they believed that the other believers would witness the power of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, however, they were thrown out with accusations that they were fanatics spreading false doctrine. At the end these believers with Pentecostal experiences were forced to abandon their churches and started to gather in private locations...the first church location used for Sunday service, or a house of prayer as they liked to call it, was arranged in the house of Adam Henn, a house that they remodeled. They gathered there until 1925 when they built a house of prayer seating 300-500. The church grew and thrived....during the periods of growth from 1920-1933 the church in Beška served as a head office for "spiritual communities" as they were called back then. (Dr. Stanko Jambrek – "Churches of the Reformation Heritage in Croatia" – The Pentecostal Movement in Croatia from the Beginning of the Second World War)*

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It is obvious today how desperately we need a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit because the church of Jesus Christ in Croatia is not in a good condition. Churches do not grow; they are mostly concerned with politics and ecumenicalism; believers go from one church to another and plant new churches while thinking that the church is growing; but the truth is that the church in Croatia is mainly ineffective in reaching new people for Christ because many are not filled with the Holy Spirit, rather they are filled with themselves!

Some of us have been saved for a long time, maybe some of us more than 10 years, while some for no more than a month or a couple of weeks. To be saved from sin is a wonderful thing. The Bible tells us that *"...old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."* But if we desire grow as good disciples of Jesus, then it is not enough to just stop at salvation. God has more for us, and that is the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

One of John the Baptist's first sermons was about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In Luke 3:16 we read: *"John answered, saying to all, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not*

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*worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

Although Christ died on the cross of Calvary, His resurrection and ascension had the exact same purpose to baptize His disciples in the Holy Spirit.

In John 7:37-39 we read further: *"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."*

In Paul's day, some believers perhaps did not know that the Holy Spirit existed at all. In Acts 19:1-2 we read: *"And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' So they said to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.'"*

We see that without a doubt these people were saved under the work of the Holy Spirit, but it is also clear to us that they were not baptized in the Holy Spirit; because there is a different experience when the Holy Spirit begins to function. The truth is this that we are all saved by the power and work of the Holy Spirit, but without the baptism of the Holy Spirit we cannot be efficient disciples and we will feel lost!

Dwight L. Moody once said: "There is not a better evangelist in the world than the Holy

Spirit." Martin Luther as said in regards to the Holy Spirit: "The Holy Spirit called me by gospel, enlightened it to me by His gifts, and sanctified me and preserved in true faith."

Church, we are saved by the work of the Holy Spirit, because only by Him can we say, "Jesus Christ is Lord." He is the one who "testifies to righteousness, judgment, and sin." But the Bible clearly warns that apart from salvation alone the baptism of the Holy Spirit is also necessary.

For example, Jesus Christ alone did not send His disciples into the world until they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In Acts we clearly read: "*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 disciples' hearts were cleansed; they had faith for the healing of every kind of disease, weakness and deliverance of evil spirits. They carried God's Word in their hearts, preached about Christ and won souls. They were, in fact, witnesses of His resurrection! They even wished to die for Jesus. But was their love enough for Jesus to send them into the world? "*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...*"

All these great apostles, this close circle of disciples who every day could testify about God's power, were baptized in water as a sign of the forgiveness of sin and were personally taught by the greatest apostle in the world – the very incarnation of God; but despite all of this they still had to be BAPTISED IN THE

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The need for the Holy Spirit was obvious after Philip left Samaria. Philip saw the great things that God did through him. Him Acts 8:5-7, 14 we read: "*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. Now when the apostles*

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who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them..."

The apostles full of the Holy Spirit were sent! Before this signs and wonders took place, unclean spirits were cast out of people, and the people were crying out to God, they were converted and the entire city was filled with joy because of all these things; and yet there was more for them! "For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:16-17)

The next example we find is about the centurion Cornelius. The Bible tells us that he was "a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always." (Acts 10:2)

Cornelius was a good and godly man; his family's hearts had been surrendered to the Lord; nevertheless they knew that there was something more than their own good deeds. According to the instructions of the angel, Cornelius sent for Peter and read that when

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Peter began to preach at once the Holy Spirit fell on his house: "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 'Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days." (Acts 10:44-48)

All of these verses emphasize for us that water baptism is not baptism of the Holy Spirit! When Peter preached to the Gentiles we can clearly see the difference when he said, "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 11:16)

The next example is Saul. Even after his dramatic conversion on the way to Damascus, he needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He was hidden in a room, of a broken spirit, after meeting the Lord, God sent him Ananias with a message that he had been specially chosen by God as a vessel to carry His Word; but despite this call he still needed the Holy Spirit! "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 9:17)

► **1. WE DESPERATELY NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US LEAVE OUR SIN BEHIND US ONCE AND FOR ALL!**

When the Holy Spirit baptizes us He takes us over! That very same Saul, now known as the Apostle Paul, after the baptism in the Holy Spirit, writes the Corinthians and says, *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price...” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20a)*

You see, the Holy Spirit comes in us to expel all that that remained from our old sinful life and ways of thinking! He cleanses us of all the power of evil, destroys every power and authority of the enemy. The Holy Spirit raises our standard of holiness and informs Satan and all his demons of hell that this body belongs completely to Jesus Christ! In other words, He is the one who says: *“This is my house; I have come in order to make Jesus Christ Lord of this soul and spirit!”*

Church, if we have the Holy Spirit- the Spirit of Truth, then we will conform to God’s Word. Through It He will reveal to us the mind of Christ and when we read It He will give strength and to carry it out! *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26)*

Unfortunately, today the church is full of people who twist God’s Word or completely ignore it in regards to the Holy Spirit, but the worst of all is that they do not live what the Bible teaches! These people live double lives.

They have set up for themselves their own personal standards that are mingled with those of the world. These believers are divided people! One part of them continues to sin and do that which displeases the Lord, but the other part says, *“I don’t do that, I am truly one who loves Jesus.”*

The Bible clearly gives us a picture of separation. In **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** the apostle Paul says not yoked together with unbelievers: *“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people’ Therefore, ‘Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.’ ‘I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.”*

If we love Jesus with all our heart, it is impossible distort these words. How can we who are called by His name carelessly watch filthy movies on Saturday that glorify violence and sex and then on Sunday raise their hands

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to Him and joyfully proclaim and sing, "I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man!" We can only do this if Spirit of Truth is not found in us – The Holy Spirit! Church, we need to truly repent and cry out with a force for the Holy Spirit to come, open our blinded eyes and soften our stiffened necks:

Jesus, in **John 14:16-17** says to His disciples: *"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."*

Brothers and sisters, our preaching, witnessing to unbelievers; all counseling, reading and studying of the Bible will be dead and inefficient if we don't not allow the Holy Spirit to live in us and revive us! He is the one who gives understanding and knowledge when God speaks! Without Him we will be immature believers, regardless as to how long we've been saved, because we are not separated enough from the world! Either we are filled with the world or baptized in the Holy Spirit. There is no riding the fence. Believers without the Holy Spirit do not allow God to take over their flesh; hence, they are unable to surrender to Him because they want to have their life all "under control".

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Holy Spirit and when we are daily filled with Him, no one can remove us from the true way of the gospel.

In **John 16:13-14** Jesus tells us: *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."*

Do you really desire the Holy Spirit? Would you like to be baptized with His fire? If you really desire this then before everything else you need to be convinced! We need to come to the conclusion that we are nothing, we are nobody, we have nothing of ourselves to give, and we can do nothing without His power and guidance! We need to be convinced that he can still baptize, that he can still fall on believers and possesses their bodies! *"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.'" (Acts 2:38-39)*

Every day and hour many people being baptized of the Holy Spirit! They read about the promise in the Bible, listen to sermons; then crying out according to the promise they receive the baptism! Actually, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is especially given and necessary for us who are living in the last days: *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;*



*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17-18)*

Jesus gave us a parable about a man who went to his friend in the middle of the night to ask for bread. After His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray the Word says to us in **Luke 11:5-13**: *“And He said to them, ‘Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”*

The man who came from the journey represented spiritual weakness. He who didn't have anything came to the one who had bread. It is midnight; the family and wife are sleeping, and outside friends are waiting in need! Surely you will answer them, maybe only to get rid of them so they won't bother you. But how much

more “will your Heavenly Father give the HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask!” He who didn't have anything needed the power of the Holy Spirit and he was desperate! For this thing, church, we need to seek the Holy Spirit!

God wants us to live and walk in the Spirit, free from the world and sin. We don't need to run here and there to find someone to fill our spiritual needs, rather we just need to cry out and seek God's Holy Spirit because only in this way we will only be able to preach with power and might and live as the apostles lived!

▶ **2. WE NEED TO BE AWARE AND CONFESS TO OURSELVES THAT WE DON'T HAVE ALL THAT JESUS WANTS FOR US WHILE WE ARE NOT BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

John the Baptist clearly emphasized this for us when he said: *“I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3:16)*

The Bible is very clear: when Jesus comes, His explicit desire is to baptize you and me with the Spirit and fire! Because the Holy Spirit always brings a fiery relationship with Jesus!

Therefore we can truly ask ourselves why many believers are hot one moment and cold

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the next!? I think it is accurate to say that they have never fully surrendered themselves, never have been sold out – because many of them do not have a desire and reject receiving Jesus' baptism of the Holy Spirit!

In **John 16:8** Jesus tells us how one of his primary things is to *“Convict the world of sin...”* These believers have never been convicted of sin because they have not given the Holy Spirit a place in their life! If He lived in them He would convict, admonish and draw them to God's Word so that they will faithfully fulfill It!

Brothers and sisters, the Holy Spirit convicts, admonishes, and reveals all that is not pleasing to Christ. Thence, all that He does or allows in our life is to draw us to God's Word, and after repentance He comforts us and enables us to throw off all that is not pleasing to God! This is true comfort! This is why we need to willfully remove our masks of pride, affection, legalism, primness, formality, false worldly decorum, customs and traditions and accept His way of working which will at times destroy our human ways of thinking.

In the Old and New Testament the Holy Spirit came down on the people in unusual ways. The buildings and the people shook – He completely took control! On the Day of Pentecost he came as a mighty wind! The

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Spirit appeared as tongues of fire! *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)*

You can just imagine how the crowd looked at them. 120 people worshipping and preaching about the Lord and in different languages at the same time? It appeared as though they were drunk and disorderly, and the Word tells us that confirms to us when it says: *o they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean’ Others mocking said, ‘They are full of new wine.’”(Acts 2:12-13)*

They didn't just appear drunk but they place shook where they were praying: *“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”(Acts 4:31)*

Unfortunately some believers say that that was only necessary then but after the Pentecost it was no more!? If we carefully read we can with surety say that the Spirit descended after Pentecost. In Ephesus it descended: *And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:6)*

The Holy Spirit will not force anything strange, but He can come on us in a way that that sinners and religious people do not like. Unfortunately He is not welcome in most churches because He is too loud, disturbing, and too unpredictable.

Before I finish describing how the Holy Spirit can be received, I want to emphasize for us

that He is not given only for us to speak in a spiritual language (albeit the spiritual language verifies the baptism in the Holy Spirit), rather it is given to give us strength to be His witnesses! In order to be more efficient witnesses in the world, in our neighborhoods and cities.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit then we have a desire to share the gospel with unbelievers. *"You will be my witnesses"*, said Jesus Christ! When we are full of the Spirit, God gives us visions and dreams to reach souls for Him, not just "visions and dreams" of marriage, a new car, house, cell phone or computer but visions and a call for your city where Christ is not preached! We will be equipped in His power for the place and we will be answerable for His call in complete obedience! The first Pentecostals in Croatia were not only excited about speaking in tongues, rather they spread the good news and planted many churches!

▶ **3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS RECEIVED  
SIMPLY – BY FAITH!**

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians and said: *"Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"* (**Galatians 3:2**)

The message which we heard needs to ignite our faith and by faith we can receive God's promise – the Baptism of the Holy Spirit! The Apostle James tells us: *"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord."* (**James 1:6-7**)

Our focus should not be to receive the gift of the Spiritual language (however this is the outward manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit) rather we need primarily seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

Church, are you seeking that gift from God? Are you seeking the Holy Spirit? Are you constantly knocking? If you simply seek you will receive! Seek your Heavenly Father and you will surely receive! The Word tells us that without the Holy Spirit: *"For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."* (**Romans 8:26-27**)

Croatia needs a true outpouring of the Holy Spirit! This is only possible if we cry out and pray for all who have gone "too far". For the homosexuals, drug dealers, criminals, prostitutes – for all who have lost a sense of morality. Holy is the Spirit who will seize

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the sinner! When we pray, the Holy Spirit convicts them and they will begin to hate their sinful state and cry out to God for help. This is the primary function of the Holy Spirit!

The church today facing the enemy, who, while thinking he has a little more time, has gone completely mad and released his evil spirits on the earth to prepare the ultimate war in the heavens. If we wish to resist them, we will need more than dry or dead religion which can be seen at every step.

Today our church programs are so stiff and fleshly that the demons are mocking them. This is why the hordes of demons will in the last days mow down all the fallen and fleshly Christians and churches together with their pastors and leaders because they are unholy, unclean, and weak – they will not be able resist in their own human goodness and religiosity. **But on the other side, Satan will not be able to stand against God’s righteous children**

**filled with the Holy Spirit who live by faith and in obedience!**

That’s why my prayer is that God will raise up a new generation of sanctified, holy, righteous, consecrated and Spirit-filled Christians who live and walk with in God’s power like John the Baptist.

Church, we need desperately need to seek a new outpouring – a “new” Pentecost – for the Holy Spirit to fall on us to cleanse us; to fall on all the churches, pastors, evangelists, so as to solve our problems of religiosity and fleshly living so we can see our land changed!

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