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# POWER TO THRIVE

**#4 Series:  
50 Days to Change the World**





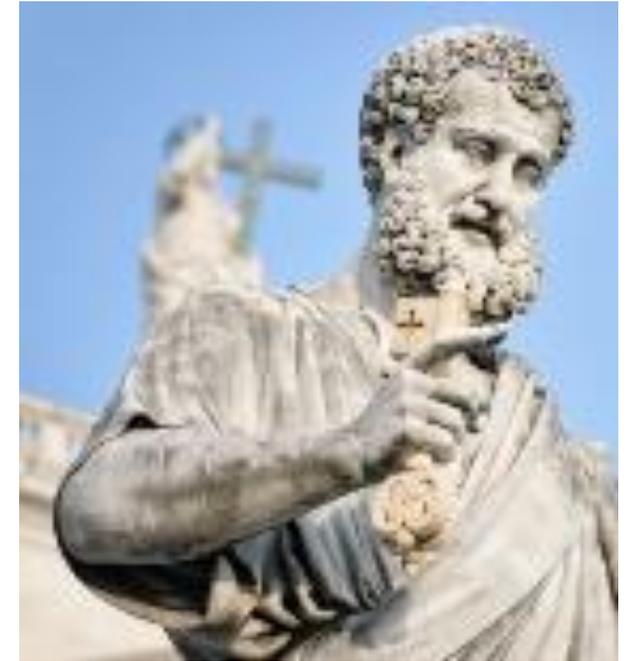
*Irenaeus*  
*(130-202AD)*



*Tertullian*  
*(150-220AD)*



*Novation*  
*(220-258AD)*



*Cyril of Jerusalem*  
*(313-386)*

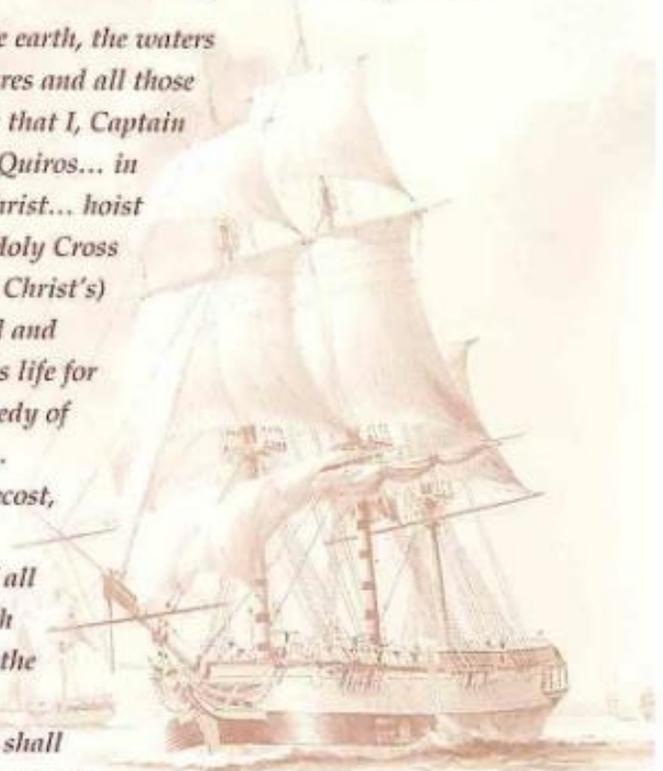
*"La Australia del Espiritu Santo"  
South Land of The Holy Spirit*

400 Year Anniversary - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2006

*"Let the heavens, the earth, the waters  
with all their creatures and all those  
here present witness that I, Captain  
Pedro Fernandez de Quiros... in  
the name of Jesus Christ... hoist  
this emblem of the Holy Cross  
on which His (Jesus Christ's)  
person was crucified and  
whereon He gave His life for  
the ransom and remedy of  
all the human race...  
on this Day of Pentecost,  
14 May 1606...*

*I, take possession of all  
this part of the South  
as far as the pole in the  
name of Jesus...*

*Which from now on shall  
be called the Southern land  
of the Holy Ghost... and this always and forever... and to the end that  
to all natives, in all the said lands, the holy and sacred evangel may be  
preached zealously and openly."*



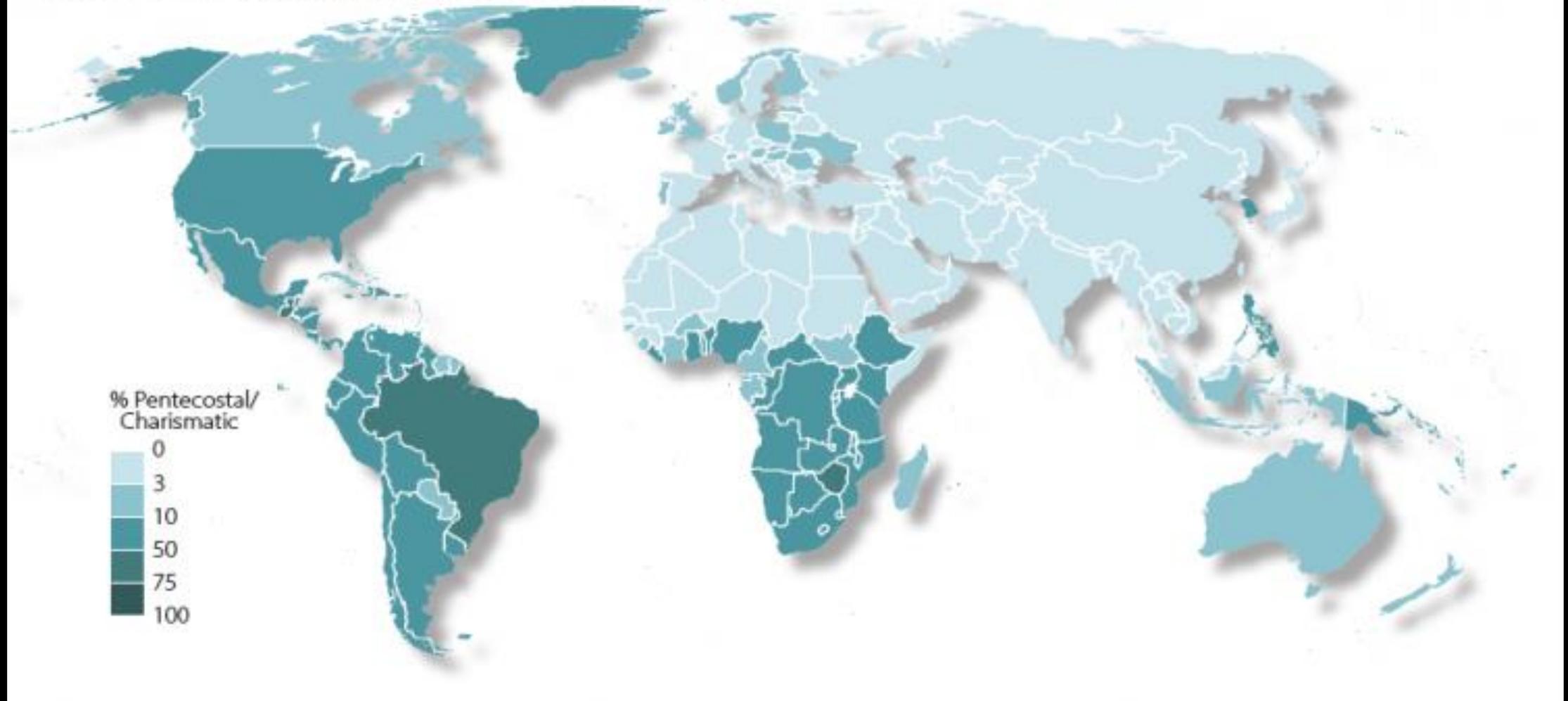
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Pentecostals/Charismatics percent of country, 2020



***Current worldwide: 644million;    Australia (2016): 260,000;***  
***Churches in ACC: 1.100;            Average size: 100 (aprox)***



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- Who is the Holy Spirit to you?
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# 1. THE PROMISE

**Acts 1:4-5** *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

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## 1. THE PROMISE

**John 20:21-22** *Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

- They needed more.
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## 2. THE REASON

**Acts 1:7-8** *He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But 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.”*

- They already had authority – needed power of Holy Spirit
  - “Witness” is same word as “martyr”
  - Need both power and authority to witness.
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## 3. THE PREPARATION

**Acts 1:14** *They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

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## 4. THE OUTCOME

**Acts 2:1-13** *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

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## 4. THE OUTCOME

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*Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.*

*Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”*

*Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”  
Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”*

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- John 3:8 -Jesus connects wind with being born of the Spirit
  - Ezekiel 37:9 – Ezekiel was prophesying over dry bones and spoke to the wind: “Breath of life into the slain”.

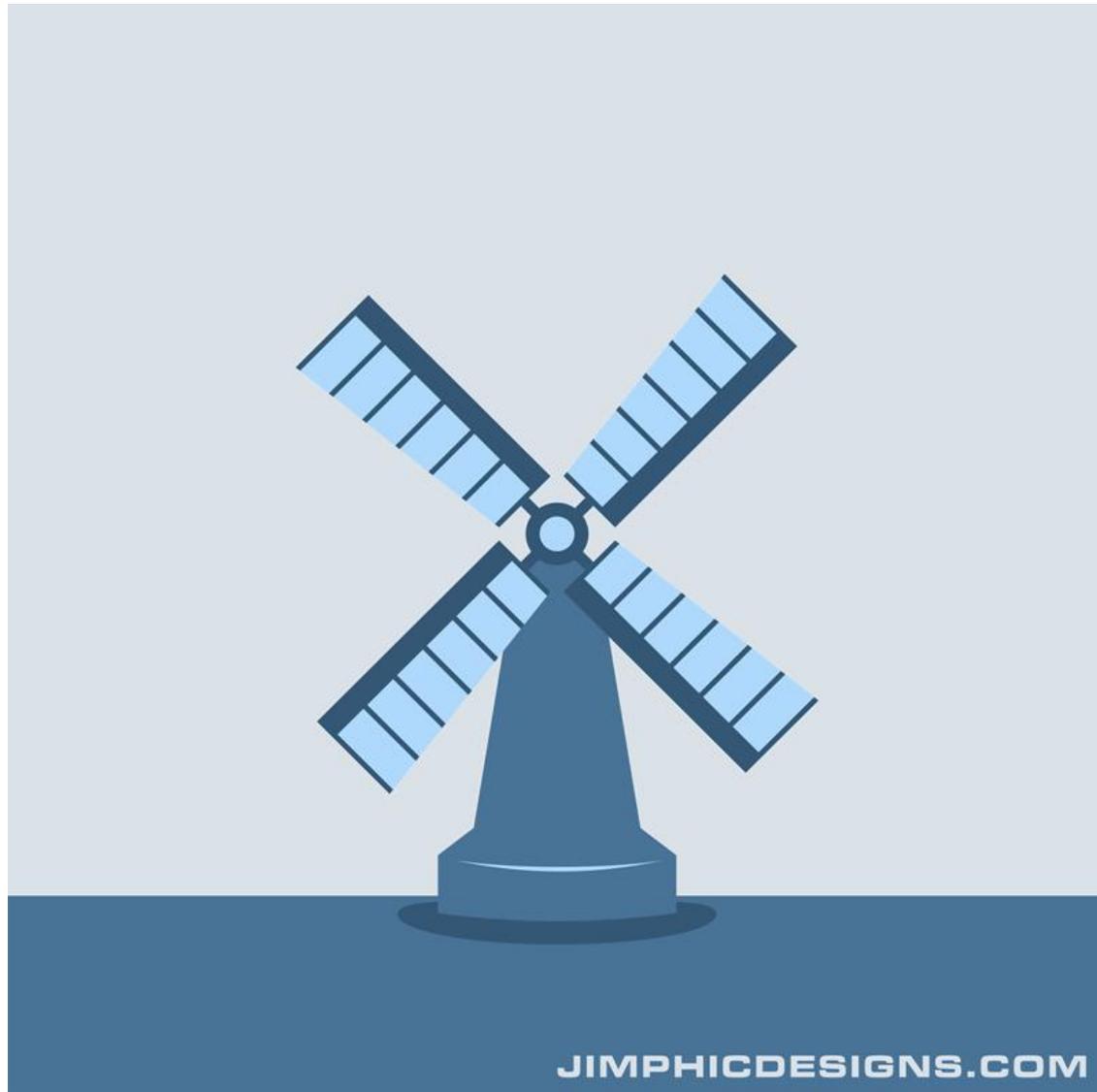
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(a) Wind

- Jesus connected wind with being born or the Spirit (John 3:8)
- Ezekiel prophesied and spoke to the wind... Ezekiel 37:9

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(b) Fire

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- Fire symbolises God’s presence
  - God’s passion
  - God’s purity
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# PRAISE & WORSHIP

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(c ) Release of worship / praise

- Who was listening?
  - What was the worship?
  - What was the fruit?
  - What was the result?
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