

The Breath of God

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

Events alone don't change lives. The Holy Spirit through the power of the new nature changes lives because of the event of redemption!

When Jesus breathed upon the disciples the very life that he had within his spirit was transferred into the apostles. The very spirit of Christ was duplicated in them. They became a new creation. The upstart of a new race began that day.

10 men stood in that room on that day. Thomas was the only one absent at that moment. For 4000 years mankind had lived in spiritual death. Now in one breath Jesus transforms ten men (other than himself) into the first spiritually alive human beings since the fall of Adam.

Every person who has ever received the finished work of Christ has also had him "Jesus" breath the breath of life into them.

When God created man in the beginning the Bible says:

Gen 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.

In reference to Jesus John 1:3 says:

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

Colossians 1:17 says "all things were made by him and for him".

Essentially this was Jesus breathing the breath of life into Adam in the beginning.

Now after 4000 years this is Jesus once again breathing life back into humanity.

Even after the disciples had witnessed Jesus do so many incredible miracles they were still carnal. Even after they themselves were commissioned by Jesus to go out without his physical presence with them and heal the sick, they were still carnal.

In sending them out apart from himself going was like a parent giving the keys of the car to their child for the first time and saying "you go to the store without me".

Watching or experiencing something incredible does not necessitate an absolute change on the part of the person experiencing the event.

The disciples after having done so many incredible miracles were still carnal enough to argue over who was to be the greatest among them. (Kids backseat arguments)

They were not an army. They were still just individuals that had experienced some extra ordinary things and heard some extra ordinary teaching by their master.

The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ were cataclysmic to the human race. It was after the creation of man the single most important event in the history of mankind!

The actions and events of the atonement gave the Holy Spirit the authority that he needed, to conform anyone on the planet to the image of the first born.

The event itself was not enough. Just watching what happened to Jesus in the scourging, crucifixion and resurrection were not enough to change their life.

Even after they (The disciples) knew that he was resurrected they still were not changed. They still were confused in what direction in life to take.

People will often say "that event changed my life". The experience of a bankruptcy, death or a divorce can leave an incredible impression in a person, to the extent they will often say "I will never do that again"; only in time to go through a second or third divorce or bankruptcy. Events of themselves don't change people.

As wonderful as the death, burial, and resurrection was, it still was not enough. There had to be the work of the Holy Spirit that would actually change the individual into a totally new person; the image of the first born.

The disciples had watched miracles, experienced the giving of miracles, watched the crucifixion and resurrection but without the breath there was still no change.

Even with the experience of all these events they would have eventually lost the vision of the commission without The breath of God! They would have eventually returned to whatever they did best. The event would have only been a strong memory but nothing more. It would not have been enough for them to evangelize the world. It would not have been enough for them to give their lives on foreign soils, far away from family and friends.

The actions of Jesus in the event of the atonement, was not enough to change anyone by the impression only! Those actions had to have a follow-up regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. The breath of God!