



## Meditation #25

### *Pentecost 2009*

In Celebration of the Spirit:  
Stretching Out in Expectation of the Overflow!

Acts 2

## “Qualified!”

“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. For the promise is unto you, and unto your children, and to all that are afar off...”

-Acts 2: 39-

Everywhere we journey it seems the pressure is upon us to meet requirements set by the world. We press to qualify for the promotion or the next pay increase. We press to qualify for the new job, the scholarship, or the home or car loan. We press to qualify for the better school or the lower interest rate. We're always being asked to measure up to some standard which at times can be unattainable, unhealthy, unreasonable or even unnecessary. Failing to measure up causes us to question the “quality” of ourselves. Some even question their own self-worth and value based upon their inability to measure to certain standards set by the world.

I remember being rejected some years ago by a local men's group called the “The Gentlemen of Distinction”. I did not measure up to their standards. My entry was denied. I did not qualify. In their eyes I was missing something. I remember my best friend being accepted on the same night I was rejected. He said to me, “Vernon, if they don't take you, they don't get me.” It was nice of him to do that, but the thought still remained in the back of my mind that somehow I didn't measure up.

Well, with God I do measure up, and so do you! We qualify for entry into that blessed number of heirs to the throne. We qualify to be recipients of the most powerful gift given to each individual by God. There are only two requirements, both of which we are well able to fulfill:

1. Repent- turn from unbelief to faith in Christ as the sacrificed son of God for the forgiveness of your sins
2. Be baptized- surrender to the ritual of sacred water immersion as a witness to your faith

These are the requirements based upon scripture. You qualify. You have received the gift. Your mission during this season of Pentecost is to stir the gift of the Holy Spirit who ALREADY lives inside of you. Stir the gift in prayer, praise, study, fasting, service, word, and worship.

**Join us tonight in revival to stir up the gift of the Holy Spirit and receive your blessing!**