



Meditation #4

Pentecost 2009

In Celebration of the Spirit:
Stretching Out in Expectation of the Overflow
Acts 2

The Extreme Team

“He shall glorify me...”

John 16: 14

God is raising up within the body of Christ at SBC and beyond a peculiar and passionate brand of believer within whom He is forming a unique spiritual character. It is a spiritual character formed, shaped, and deeply influenced by the character of the Holy Spirit Himself. The trademark of that spiritual character is that these believers are expressive and passionate, to the point of even being considered “extreme”. Yet extremism is exactly what Jesus declares the Holy Spirit would practice concerning our Lord.

To glorify something is to lift it, exalt it, enlarge it, boast of it, make it widely and fully known; it is to push beyond the limits of what is the expected norm. When Jesus says the Holy Spirit would glorify Him, the Savior is noting not only what the Holy Spirit would do, but also how the Holy Spirit would do it. The Holy Spirit not only testifies to our Lord, but magnifies our Lord which implies testimony that is unmistakable, undeniable, and unavoidable because of its bold and pronounced nature.

How extreme was the Holy Spirit? He was extreme enough to move upon that Upper Room like a mighty rushing wind which so empowered waiting believers that they began to speak, talk, witness, praise, and serve in ways like never before. How extreme was Peter on the day of Pentecost? He was so extreme that 3,000 souls believed and were saved at his message of Good News.

There is on the move a vanguard of Christ-centered, Spirit-endowed, word-empowered, love-driven, worship-thirsty, God-chasing, unashamed believers who are taking extreme measures to live and serve in such a way that Christ is glorified. And this is fitting. For was Christ not an extremist? Did He not pay an extreme sacrifice for you and me? What about you? Are you on the extreme team?

Pray this:

“Lord today, cause me to glorify you in all I say and do. Help me to be unashamed boldly living and proclaiming your love, power, and grace in every way and in every place you direct.”