

## The Word and The Spirit

Fathers  
Maintaining The Balance

## Pentecost Is About Balance

- Is it a coincidence God gave both on the same day?
- It is the Word and the Spirit
- It is Truth and Grace
- It is the Law and the Power to fulfill it
- It is the Flesh and the Spirit – **“work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”**  
Phil. 2:12,13

## It's Father's Day

- Hardest thing in the world for Men is to stay balanced
- Eph.6:4 And fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- Caring and correction
- Instruction and example
- Truth and Love



## Jesus: Our Example

- John1:14 - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**
- Truth in Love
- Luke 7:36-50 – The “Sinful Woman”
- John 8:1-11 – Woman caught in Adultery
- We are equipped to be like Jesus - 2Tim.1:7

## Finding The Balance

- Bread – symbolic of the law or the written Word of God
- Lampstand – symbolic of the Spirit
- As Baptist we take “pride” in our dependence on the written word
- We question events where the experience is more important than truth

### **Finding The Balance**

- 2 Thess.2:9,10 - The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.
- I am a Christian, I had an experience in church, therefore, this experience must be of God.
- Does that mean all religious experience is of the devil?

### **Are You Finding The Balance?**

- Which way do you lean?
- When you pray, is it all by the list, or do you take time to be quiet before God and let Him bring items into your mind?
- When you read God's Word, do you take time to be quiet and let His Spirit speak to your heart, to show you the great and wonderful truths of God's Word?

### **Finding The Balance**

- Satan is a counterfeiter.
- A Counterfeiter copies the real thing.
- To know the difference, we must know the truth.
- Worship at the alter of Incense, before the Holy of Holies, met in the middle between the Bread the Flame.
- There is a balance between Truth and Experience
- There is a balance between Faith and Action

### **Are You Finding The Balance?**

- Hardest thing in the world for Men is to stay balanced
- Let the TRUTH of God's word give you a SPIRIT OF GRACE
- Let the SPIRIT OF GRACE shape your VALUES
- Let your VALUES shape your ACTIONS
- Be Jesus to your Family, Friends and Co-Workers

### **Finding The Balance**

- God is more concerned about your relationship with Him than He is about you doing something for Him.
- Do I sit and wait for God to "speak" to me before I do something for Him?
- What I believe about God (Truth) will determine what I do. (Action)
- We must submit our lives and attitudes to reflect Jesus (Grace) for people to see Jesus through us (Truth)