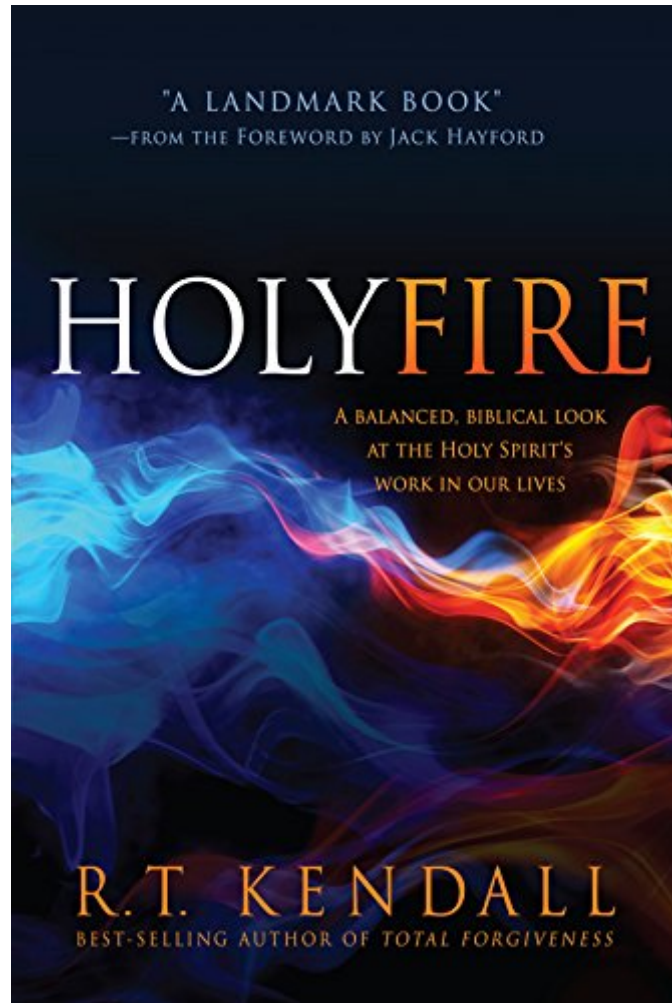


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# Holy Fire: A Balanced, Biblical Look At The Holy Spirit's Work In Our Lives



## Synopsis

The Holy Spirit... Greater than your theology, bigger than denominations, beyond all we can imagine, God's gift to the church and to you Debate about the Holy Spirit has been around for a long time. In *Holy Fire*, best-selling author and respected theologian R. T. Kendall sets the record straight about the Holy Spirit's role in our lives and in the life of the church. If you want to increase your knowledge of this most misunderstood member of the Trinity, or if you long to experience His presence in your life in a deeper way than ever before, this book is for you. Are you charismatic? He is bigger than your signs-and-wonders events. Are you Reformed? He will not be limited by your theology. As Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, "He blows where He will."

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Whether you consider yourself a conservative evangelical or a Charismatic/Pentecostal of some kind, R.T. Kendall's opus, *Holy Fire*, will empower go to the next level in your journey as a well-balanced believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. By the way, balance in the Kingdom is not living in some lukewarm place between boredom and passion. It is not a little bit of Bible-based theology

mingled with a little bit of Holy Spirit. Balance is desiring "all of the Word" and "all of the Spirit, as the Word of God and the Spirit of God work together, not independently of each other. Kendall reminds us of this powerful Truth on every page, concluding with Smith Wigglesworth's prophetic statement: "When the Word and Spirit come together, there will be the biggest movement of the Holy Spirit that the nation, and indeed the world, has ever seen." What I appreciate is that Holy Fire is not another immediate response to Pastor John MacArthur's Strange Fire book and conference (Dr. Michael Brown has superbly tackled this with solid and outstanding integrity in his book Authentic Fire). Rather, Kendall gives us something extraordinary and unusual. He offers a user-friendly apologetic for the Scriptural basis for the present day movement and power of the Holy Spirit. Every piece of information he delivers is Scripturally reinforced. If you are Charismatic, Kendall is both your ally and encourager. He is also inviting Charismatics/Pentecostals to seriously consider "their ways" and ensure that everything done in the Name of the Holy Spirit represents the Truth of Scripture. If you read any of Kendall's testimony or know anything of his personal history with the Holy Spirit, he is by no means one who plays it safe.

R.T. Kendall's Holy Fire steps into the current debate concerning the Spirit's work in our lives, providing an inspiring, bold, yet curbed approach to the current presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. Kendall does not openly respond to John MacArthur or the "Strange Fire" conference, but has taken the occasion to write a book that strongly emphasizes the continuation of the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit's "direct and immediate" work in our lives, and reformed theology. Kendall's emphasis on the activity of the Spirit in assurance of salvation and transformation opens the door to the current work of the Spirit by bridging into the supernatural with sound theology and common experience. While hardly an exhaustive work on the Holy Spirit, Kendall's book stands as an inspiring and accessible introduction to the reformed charismatic perspective. Kendall's writing remains exceptionally clear and accessible throughout the book, in spite of handling some rather deep theological issues and citing a number of nuances in theology from different puritan writers. He illustrates his theology with testimonies from his own life, illuminating how his own personal journey and his relationship with Christ revealed his current stance on the continuing operation of the gifts of the Spirit and reformed Calvinism. The book also draws heavily from the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones, Kendall's mentor and one of the most respected reformed preachers of the last century. Jones' own embrace of the gifts and operation of the Holy Spirit and his passionate advocacy for receiving the Spirit's empowerment stands as one of Kendall's most drawn upon arguments.

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