Fire Fall

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.* ***For our God is a consuming fire.*** *Hebrews 12:28-29*

1) Fire is an emblem of the Holy Spirit - Matthew 3:11-12

* *Emblem - a thing serving as a symbolic representation of a particular quality or concept.*
* Fire is **energy (fervency**), **illumination** (Psalm 119:105) and **purification** (Malachi 3:2-3)
* Other emblems representing the Holy Spirit are the **dove** (Luke 3:21-22), **water** (Isaiah 44:3) and **wind** (Acts 2:1, John 3:8)

2) Fire is fervency within

* *Fervent – Hot, burning, or glowing. Having or displaying a passionate intensity.*
* *Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11*
* *Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11*
* Acts 18:24-25 - Apollos was a complete man, both brilliant and fervent. The opposite would be stoic, cold, and unemotional.

3) How is fervency expressed?

* Fervency in love – 1 Peter 1:22
* Fervency in witness: He vigorously refuted the Jews – Acts 18:28
* Fervency in praise: Psalm 149:5-6, 2 Chronicles 5:13-14, 7:1-3, 2 Samuel 6:14-23
* Fervency in prayer: Colossians 4:2, James 5:16, Acts 4:23-31
* *The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. James 5:16b*

4) Stir up the flames

2 Timothy 1:6, Hebrews 1:7

* *That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination]. 2 Timothy 1:6 AMPC*