

## **SPIRIT FORMED LIFE**

### **The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit**

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#### **ACTS 1:1-5 NLT**

*In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

- 1. In the first five verses of Acts we have the foundation for the new testament church**

Lets establish our backdrop here first because it reinforces where we will end up tonight:

- There was a forty day period between the resurrection and ascension
- Jesus appeared to the disciples from time to time in that period giving further instructions
- As verse 2 indicates these just weren't any instructions, these were instructions given through the Holy Spirit

## **2. Further instructions the Holy Spirit spoke through Jesus before He ascended**

There are primarily three things the Holy Spirit emphasized in the 40 day period between the resurrection and ascension:

1. The teachings of Jesus
  2. The Kingdom of God
  3. That we are to do nothing without the Holy Spirit
- Today all three of these areas are being challenged like never before
  - Even mainline denominations are deviating from these areas today

### **3. The greater emphasis was placed on the promise of The Father**

- The instructions were given through the Holy Spirit
- The Promise of The Father was the Holy Spirit
- All the disciples were told was that they would be baptized in the Holy Spirit - Please keep in mind that they had no idea what a baptism in the Holy Spirit was
- This baptism was so important that they were to go to Jerusalem and not leave until it took place

### **4. How important was the baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

#### **ACTS 1:6-8**

*So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you*

*will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

- The Disciples must've been certain that Jesus was going to restore Israel now that He was resurrected, what army could stand against someone that you cannot kill?
- The disciples must've wondered when Jesus was going to establish His kingdom and restore Israel

## **5. Jesus' response is our launching pad**

- Notice Jesus does not answer the disciples question, but says *“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you”*
- That *“power”* will be so that they can be witnesses telling people about Jesus everywhere to the ends of the earth
- That word *witnesses* in verse 8 comes from the same root as the word *martyr*

- So powerful was this promise of the baptism in the Holy Spirit that they would be willing to give their lives once they had it

## 6. What happened when the Holy Spirit came?

### **ACTS 2:1-4**

*On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

- The believers were all **in one place** and **of the same heart**
- The Holy Spirit comes and there is fire and an overflow of His gifts

- The crowd supposes that the disciples are drunk - **ACTS 2:13**
- Peter steps up and tells the people that they are seeing a fulfillment of prophecy given by Joel in - **ACTS 2:17-21**
- Peter mentions everything from **prophecy, to dreams and visions, to people getting saved**, all of this stemming from this baptism in the Holy Spirit

## **7. So why does this apply to us today?**

- Peter's first sermon, fresh out of the upper room, was given in a **last days context**
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not only available but needed
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the fire igniting the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- **In just five verses we see that the baptism of the Holy Spirit leads to prophecy, God dreams, God visions, and people coming to know Jesus as Lord and Savior**
- According to **ACTS 2:20** all this takes place before Jesus return

## 8. What have we learned?

1. God's purpose for our lives is more important than all our questions getting answered
2. God fulfills His purpose for our lives through the Holy Spirit
3. There is an event that takes place in the life of the believer additional to salvation that is available to all who ask

### **LUKE 11:13**

*So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.*

4. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is so powerful that a boldness will mark your life causing you to be witnesses to the ends of the earth
5. There are gifts given by the Holy Spirit at His discretion that are not resident in us, but can flow through us once we are immersed or baptized in Him

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**9. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is available to all who desire it**