

When the Spirit Comes: The Birth of the Church

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Acts 2:1-13

BIG IDEA:

The risen Jesus pours out His Spirit to fulfill God's promises, empower His people, and make His name known to all nations—no matter the cost.

KEY VERSE:

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... declaring the wonders of God." – Acts 2:4,11

BACKGROUND:

In Part 2 of Luke's account, we've moved from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ towards His resurrection and instructions for His disciples before ascending into heaven. In Acts 1:4, Jesus instructs them not to leave Jerusalem and await the gift that the Father has promised and that which He has spoken of. Here we find them waiting...

CONTEXT:

3 Most Significant Jewish Festivals:

1. Passover
2. Pentecost
3. Feast of Booths

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised." – Acts 1:4

Acts chapter 2 is the _____ to Acts chapter 1!

BIBLICAL TRUTH #1:

THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO _____ GOD'S PEOPLE (vv.1-5)

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1

Reflection Question:

Do you believe you have access to the Holy Spirit's power as a believer in Jesus?

"The Holy Spirit is not a reward for maturity — He is a gift given to all who belong to Jesus."

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BIBLICAL TRUTH #2:

THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS US – THAT OTHERS MAY _____ (vv.6-11)

“Diversity is not a problem to be solved in the Church — it is a gift to be celebrated.”

“Each one heard them speaking in his own language...” (v.6)

We’ve been given this gift to _____!

REFLECTIVE CHALLENGE

Evaluating Our Conversations: Reflect on your conversations this week. Do they show evidence of the Spirit’s work, like in Acts 2? Consider if your words encourage and witness to others as Scripture describes.

BIBLICAL TRUTH #3:

THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE WILL BE _____ (vv.12-13)

The Holy Spirit doesn’t just comfort —He confronts

TAKEAWAY – INVITATION “Don’t chase an experience!”

SO WHAT? RECOGNIZE the availability of our need for the Holy Spirit as follower of Christ.

NOW WHAT? OPEN yourself to the presence of God and witness of what He is doing to others!

“May we be a church filled with the Spirit, centered on Jesus and faithful to witness – where He’s placed us!”