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Becoming an Acts 2 Believer

Part 2 | Acts 2:1-47

INTRODUCTION

We are continuing our series called “Becoming an Acts Chapter 2 Believer.” As we pick up where we left off, we take one more step into studying what God's Word has for us and apply it in our lives. Acts 2 tells the powerful story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when believers were gathered together in one place, waiting on the promise of God. This chapter reveals several key characteristics of what it really means to be an Acts 2 Believer. These principles help us align our lives with the Spirit of God, experience revival, and live in unity as the early church did.

KEY POINTS

1. Wait for God’s Tug and Timing

If we want to become Acts 2 Believers, we must wait for God’s tug and timing. The disciples were waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit, even though they had no idea what would happen. They were obedient and waited on God.

The timing of God’s movement in your life is never behind schedule. It’s always right on time. We should not become anxious or feel like God has forgotten us. His timing is critical.

“Pentecost” is the Christian word for the Jewish festival Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai and the first fruits of the wheat harvest. It’s significant that God chose that day to pour out His Spirit, moving from law to grace.

Nothing in the life of a believer happens by accident. Maybe you feel God tugging at your heart to surrender, to repent, to trust Him with your next steps. Wait on His tug and His timing, and when He moves, respond immediately.

2. Be in Fellowship

Another characteristic of an Acts 2 Believer is to be in fellowship. The early believers were not only together in one place but united in one heart and purpose.

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If you are out of fellowship with another believer, you will become insensitive to the tug of the Spirit. When churches are filled with contention, gossip, and bitterness, the Spirit of God cannot move freely. Revival will never come to a bitter church.

Allowing division to remain gives Satan an open door to destroy spiritual growth. But when God's people get right with each other, the Spirit of God begins to move again.

If you are out of sorts with someone in your church, your family, or your friendships, get right with them today. God wants His children to be in fellowship with Him and with one another. That's where revival begins.

3. Be Spirit-Filled

Finally, to be an Acts 2 Believer, you must be Spirit-filled. The first church was initiated, blessed, and multiplied by God Himself.

There is a difference between being baptized by the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit. There is only one baptism: the moment you turn from sin and place your faith in Christ. At that moment, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in you permanently.

However, there are many fillings of the Spirit as you live in obedience and surrender. Ephesians 5:18-20 says: “Do not get drunk on wine... Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”

Being filled with the Spirit means living under God's control rather than your flesh. When you are filled, you will speak encouragement, worship from your heart, give thanks, and be generous.

When you are filled with the Spirit, you receive the “right want to’s.” Doing right becomes the natural overflow of being in fellowship with the Spirit of God.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. In what area of your life is God asking you to trust and obey Him right now?
2. How can you better recognize and respond to God's timing instead of your own?
3. Are there any relationships in your life where you need to restore fellowship to make room for the Spirit's movement?
