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A. Some Thoughts about the Holy Spirit.

1. Luke 24:45-49 is the *Great Commission* given to the Church.
2. Principle: The Holy Spirit gives us power to accomplish God's plan.
3. IMB Quote: "We need to make Jesus' last words our life's work!"
Most of us think Jesus' last words were, "Go and make disciples."
They weren't! His last words were, "You need power from on high."
4. "The scandal of the 21st Century church is the people of God, doing the work of God, without the power of God." – Pastor Joe
5. Acts 1:8, NASB, says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and [then] you shall be my witness both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest parts of the earth."
6. Acts 2 is a description of the "Day of Pentecost" when the Holy Spirit (God's power) was given to the church.
7. Some thoughts about the Holy Spirit:
 - A. The sealing of the Holy Spirit comes once at salvation.
Ephesians 1:13–14, NASB95 - ¹³ *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory....*
 - B. The filling of the Holy Spirit comes again and again.
See Acts 2, 4, 13 and Ephesians 5 (to name a few).
8. Let's walk through Acts 2:1-15.

B. A Study of Acts 2.

1. The Setting

Acts 2:1, NASB95 - ¹ *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.*

2. The Signs

Acts 2:2–4, NASB95 - ² *And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.*

3. The Significance

Acts 2:6, NASB95 - ⁶ *And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.*

4. The Sermon

Acts 2:16–17, NASB95 - ¹⁶ *but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS....*

C. Application.

1. The "sealing" of the Holy Spirit (salvation) is critical.
2. The "filling" of the Holy Spirit (ministry) is essential.
3. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will walk in supernatural power.
4. We will never do the work of God without the power of God.
5. If the return of Jesus Christ is indeed imminent (and it is), then the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ has never been more imperative, and the filling of the Holy Spirit has never been more needed—*so we better start praying in these "last days."*
6. Prayer is the primary way we pursue the filling of the Holy Spirit.