



Acts 1:4-8

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”




Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



We need a sanctified imagination for
what the coming of the Spirit will look
like.

Wait. Pray. Receive.

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1. Into our individual lives
 2. Upon us, the Kingdom family
 3. Through us into the world.



1. Into our individual lives


Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on **each of them**. **All of them** were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Non-Consuming Power.

And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

Exodus 3:2



The Holy Spirit is the unrestricted presence of God in which our life wakes up, becomes wholly and entirely living and is endowed with the energies of life.

-Jurgen Moltman.



Acts 2:11

“we hear them declaring the wonders of
God in our own tongues!”



'God speaks people'
-Willie James Jennings

Romans 5:5


And hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured
out into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit, who has been given to us.

2 Tim 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Ephesians 5:18

‘Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.’



Wait.
Pray.
Receive.



2. Upon us, the kingdom family



Acts 2:17

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.



Holy Spirit affirms us



Holy Spirit refreshes us



Holy Spirit disrupts us



‘There is no changing the future
without disrupting the present’

-Katherine Booth

What if this is an inflexion point?



Holy Spirit gifts and empowers us

1 Corinthians 12: 5-12

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. **7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12: 5-12

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, ^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ^[b] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.



3. Through us, out into the world

Ezekiel 47:8-9

He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live."



**the Spirit is moving down and out, not
up and in**



**And can everything you do be unto the
renewal of all things?**