

ACTS SERIES

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Acts of the Apostles (AOP) can rightly be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit because the whole book is full of the power of the Holy Spirit in signs and wonders! Without the Holy Spirit the early church would never have started. Although its called the AOP, the word **Holy Spirit mentioned 65 times** the word **Apostles only 30 times!** For every action of the apostles, the Holy Spirit was there at least two times! No Holy Spirit, no miracles, no casting out demons, no healing, no power, no conversions! **“Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.”**

Read Acts 2: 1-4.

After the Ascension of Jesus, 120 disciples were gathered together in the upper room praying for 10 days.

1) Why did they wait? Because of Jesus' promise!

Read: Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4, Acts 1:8

CGQ 1 | Why is waiting for God to answer such an important part in the journey of our Christian growth and maturity? Share examples how because you waited on God you grew in faith and trust and how it may have also shaped your character.

2) When they were praying, they were all in **one accord**, when **“suddenly..”** a sound of a **rushing mighty wind from heaven** came and **tongues of fire sat** on every one of the 120 disciples present... and they were filled with Holy Spirit and began breaking out in new tongues that could be understood (**Read v 8-11**). Peter, a mere uneducated fisherman then stood up and preached a powerful sermon (Read v 14-18, v 21) that resulted in **3000 conversions** in one morning (**Read v 40-41**)

CGQ 2 | What did the infilling of the Holy Spirit together with the gift of tongues do for Peter in his ministry? What was the result of his ministry? Share why Christians are sometimes so timid in their witnessing and why we see so few miracles? What is the answer?

3) There are two broad types of tongues: languages that can be understood by men and heavenly languages which cannot be understood by men: **they are the tongues of men and of angels (Read 1 Cor 13:1, 1 Cor 14:2)**. Tongues is one of the evidence of being filled with the HS. Paul encourages everyone of us to desire the gift of tongues (**1 Cor 14:5**). **“ I wish you all spoke in tongues!”**

CGQ 3 | Share with one another your experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. How did it happen? What effect did it have on your life? How have you nurtured and grown in speaking and praying in tongues?

If you have **not experienced it before**, please realize 3 things: **1)** you are still a Christian, greatly loved of God and fully qualified to be a disciple of Jesus or a leader, **2)** there is no compulsion to speak in tongues but being filled with the HS and speaking in tongues will help you grow your faith and prayer life (you can pray in the Spirit for long time); it will grow your boldness & courage in praying for the sick, casting our demons, and witnessing to the lost **3) Ask God** for this gift, **believe He will fill you** with His Holy Spirit and release you in the gift of tongues, **step out in faith and pray audibly** together with others in tongues and as you do so, **trust God to release you in a new tongue.** You will be amazed!