

Immanuel – God with Us: Acts

It was always God's intention to dwell with His people

I. The Old Covenant: God dwells _____

- A. Ex 25:8: How Almighty HOLY GOD dwells with a sin cursed human race?
- B. Ex 19–20: The Law (613 statutes/laws/ordinances). Posted speed limit signs?
- C. Lev 19:2: "LORD your God is Holy" – The OT: "_____ debts must be _____"
 - 1. Sacrifice: the five primary types – approved sacrifices
 - 2. Priesthood: approved _____
 - 3. Holy days: the seven primary holy convocations – approved memorials or _____

There was no _____ of power over sin
- D. Gal 4:4: But when the fullness of the time, God sent forth His Son, to redeem
- E. John 1:14, 29: the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

II. The New Covenant: God dwells _____

(Jesus foretells the indwelling of the Holy Spirit)

- A. John 14:16–17 (1) He dwells with you and will be in you
- B. John 16:13–14 (2) He will guide you into all truth
 (3) He will not speak on His own
 (4) He will glorify Me
- C. Luke 24:49 (5) He will endue with power from on high

Nine of the mysteries in the New Testament

1. The mystery of the kingdom, development, and timing (Matt 13)
2. The mystery of Israel's hardening (Rom 11)
3. The mystery of the rapture of believers (1 Cor 15)
4. The mystery of the body of Christ (Eph 3)
5. The mystery of the _____ of the Spirit (Rom 8; Col 1; Eph 1)
6. The mystery of the bride of Christ (Eph 5)
7. The mystery of godliness (2 Tim 3)
8. The mystery of the seven stars and seven golden lampstands (Rev 1)
9. The mystery of seven climactic judgments during the Tribulation (Rev 15–18)

Post-teaching questions for discussion:

Rom 11:33 (KJV): O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

The great _____ of mysteries
(Our reach exceeds our grasp)

The triune God – the virgin birth – the resurrection

III. Promise made: deliverance from the _____ of sin

- A. Luke 24:47; John 1:29; Acts 2:38: Remission of sins means once and for all taking them away, removing the guilt, punishment and the power of sin. To release one's sins is not just release from the legal charge and the just penalty of sin, but also release from the power and dominion of sin.
- B. Acts 10:43: believe/receive – whoever believes... will receive remission of sins
- C. Gal 5:16: victory over temptation – walk in the Spirit/do not fulfill lust of the flesh
- D. Acts 13:48: eternal destiny – as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed

IV. Promise _____

- A. Acts 1:1–8: power described: you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit/you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come
 - 1. God is the giver! We were created to be filled.
 - 2. The believer is the receiver! We were intended to be filled with all the fullness.
 - 3. God is all in all. The Holy Spirit enables a believer to fulfill God's expectations.
- B. Acts 2:1–6: power descends
 - 1. Day: 50 days after Passover (Pentecost); Ascension: 40 days after Passover
 - 2. Wind: sound like a rushing wind (Eze 37:1–14)
 - 3. Fire: presence of flames, (perhaps shaped like the flames of an oil lamp)
 - 4. Languages: languages were confused at the tower of Babel/every man heard

Post-teaching questions for discussion:

C. Power displayed

1. Eph 4:3: Unity – “One accord” – Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The “one accord” was a display (witness) of _____. See John 17:21: that the world may believe.
 - a. Acts 1:14: prayer
 - b. Acts 2:1: wait
 - c. Acts 2:46: word
 - d. Acts 4:24: worship
 - e. Acts 4:32: wealth
 - f. Acts 5:12: witness
2. Rom 6:12–14: The evidence of power over sin _____. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, (14) For sin shall not have dominion over you.
3. Acts 8:19: Holy Spirit power was _____. Simon wanted authority and power for _____... “it can’t be owned” or “wielded as a possession.” Acts 8:21: Peter’s rebuke. Compare James 4:3: “ask amiss”
4. Prophecy _____ – as Jesus prophesied in the Gospel of John
 - a. HE will be in you (Acts 2:38; 6:3; 11:24)
 - b. HE will guide you into all truth (Acts 2:34–36; 5:3; 16:6–7)
 - c. HE will not speak of His own (Acts 2:22–28; 10:13–15)
 - d. HE will glorify Me (Acts 4:30; 18:5)
 - e. HE will empower you (Acts 4:20; 5:29–32)

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