

# ACTS

THE IMPACT OF REDEMPTION



# THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER TO EMPOWER LIFE & MISSION

ACTS 1:4-5



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In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs...



# ACTS 1:1-5 (CONT.)

...appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."





# THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER



# ACTS 1:4

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# EZEKIEL 36:24-27

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.



# EZEKIEL 36:24-27 (CONT.)

And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.





# JOEL 2:28-29

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.”



# JOHN 14:16-17

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”





# BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



# ACTS 1:4b-5

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# LUKE 3:16

John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



# JOEL 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.





# EPHESIANS 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is  
debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,



*“...this phrase is not commanding empty Christians to acquire something they don't already have. Each of us possesses the entire Holy Spirit from the time we repent and believe.”*

**JOHN MACARTHUR**



# **EPHESIANS 5:18** (J. B. PHILLIPS PARAPHRASE)

Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls,





# MATTHEW 16:13-17

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"





# **MATTHEW 16:13-17** (CONT.)

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.



# ROMANS 8:9-10

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.





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2. In our waiting, let's not wait for some future super "spiritual experience", in Christ, we lack nothing.



# PHILIPPIANS 1:6

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”



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