

**Bumper** → It's weird to say...but its been cold. → I had a heater and didn't know it!  
→ You ever wonder...what else does God have for me? → **"There IS More"**  
→ **Led By The Spirit: ME + WELCOME + Online → Table → (App Notes)**

→ **Do we recognize that God has MORE available to us?**

→ **Summary:** Many of us are cruising along in our walks with God and we don't realize THERE IS MORE! Sometimes we are too content. Sometimes we simply do not know. And sometimes we are afraid. No matter the reason, God has given us a mission to share Christ and we need MORE of the Holy Spirit so that we are operating in His power, not ours. Are we open? Are we trusting Jesus? Are we willing to wait? Are we willing to go?

→ **Text Prep:** Luke is writing to Theophilus, or "lover of God" and continuing his account of the Gospel and writes a history of the early church. The book of Acts STARTS with Jesus ascending to Heaven and then describes the descending of the Holy Spirit and the decentralization and expansion of the church "to the ends of the Earth." The Holy Spirit empowers the church to GROW and EXPAND. He is THE major player in this book and in our lives.

**Acts 1:** 4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 8 **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.** And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**You will receive power...** → This is for anyone who is willing to wait and trust God for the gift of MORE.

- **λήμψεσθε** = You will receive...Middle voice suggests that the subject, "you" will be participating in the action for your own benefit. We can humble ourselves...opening our hearts to God through worship. → Playing catch with Judah.
  - **δύναμιν** = Power → Sounds a lot like dynamite, doesn't it?
    - **Rom. 1:16:** "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the **power** of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile."
    - **1 Corinthians 1:18:** "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very **power** of God."
    - **2 Timothy 1:7:** "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of **power**, love, and self-discipline."
  - **...when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.**
    - The dove descending on Jesus.
    - Tongues of fire descend on the heads of believers praying. = HS inspired speech. → Feb. 12 / Jean Morgan
    - Tongues of fire happen only once...but people speaking in other tongues happen/inferenced in all 6 instances.
      - **Acts 2:1-4 (Day of Pentecost):** The initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the 120 speaking in tongues.
      - **Acts 8:14-17 (Samaria):** The Samaritans receiving the Holy Spirit after the laying on of hands by Peter and John. While speaking in tongues is not explicitly mentioned, the context is often interpreted to include it.
      - **Acts 9:17-18 (Conversion of Paul):** Paul's reception of the Holy Spirit after Ananias laid hands on him. The specific evidence is not mentioned, but some Pentecostals interpret it as including speaking in tongues.
      - **Acts 10:44-48 (Cornelius and Gentiles):** The Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit, with the evidence being their speaking in tongues. Peter recognizes this as a sign of their receiving the Holy Spirit.
      - **Acts 19:1-7 (Disciples in Ephesus):** The disciples in Ephesus receiving the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and prophesying, after Paul lays hands on them.
      - **Acts 15:8-9 (Peter's Testimony):** Peter's testimony about the Holy Spirit being given to the Gentiles without distinction, emphasizing the inclusivity of the Spirit's work. Tongues were the only evidence.
    - The experience is described by John the Baptist: Jesus is the Baptizer!
      - **Luke 3:15:** Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. 16 John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."
      - **Baptism: Immersion: Cup inside a pitcher** → washing/purity/NEW
    - **Acts 4:29-31:** 29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. → **Once is not enough!**
  - **VISION:** We are a church that NEEDS all that God is offering us. → Prayer: Lord, help us see our need for more!
- **TRANSITION:** We will receive power when the HS comes upon us...but **for what?**

**FOR WITNESS!** → Power to overthrow the Rom gov't? Vs.6 → **Super natural ability to point people to Jesus!**

- μάρτυρες = ones who witness / testify
  - Preaching, miracles, transformation, endurance of persecution, written Scripture, community, & martyrdom.
  - Acts 4:7: 7 They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what **power**, or in whose name, have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them..." = 3000 to 5000
- ...to who and to where? → Everyone & everywhere: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, & to the ends of the Earth.
- Circuit Riders in Estonia
- **Martyr** = A martyr is someone who dies for their faith!
  - **Peter**: Crucified upside down in Rome.
  - **Andrew**: Crucified on an X-shaped cross in Patras (Greece).
  - **James (son of Zebedee)**: Beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I in Jerusalem.
  - **John**: Died of natural causes in Ephesus. Turkey
  - **Philip**: Crucified in Hierapolis, Asia Minor. Turkey
  - **Bartholomew**: Flayed alive and then either crucified or beheaded. Armenia or India.
  - **Matthew**: Martyred in Ethiopia, possibly killed by a sword.
  - **Thomas**: Martyred by spearing in India.
  - **James (son of Alphaeus)**: Thrown from the Temple pinnacle and beaten to death.
  - **Thaddeus**: Circumstances uncertain, possibly killed by arrows or beaten.
  - **Simon the Zealot**: Traditionally crucified or sawed in half.
  - **Matthias**: Chosen to replace Judas, traditionally believed to be stoned or beheaded after preaching.
- **VISION**: We aren't interested in being an Orange County...our desire is to be a KINGDOM church.

→ **TRANSITION**: Ok ok. The **PURPOSE** of the Baptism of the HS is to BE A WITNESS. But how does this work practically?

**How does this work?** → February 12 / Jean Morgan → We receive...this is HOW:

- **Am I open?** → Mug up.
- **Am I trusting Jesus?**: The key ingredient to any relationship is TRUST. → "Samson, Do you trust me?"
- **Am I willing to wait?**: God uses waiting to prepare hearts...sometimes were not ready. How can we prepare?
  - **Negative**: Unforgiveness, bitterness. Unrepentant sin.
  - **Positive**: Patience, dependance, perseverance, deepening, surrender, humility.
  - = **HIS TIMING**: Jesus is Lord. Do you trust Him...means you trust His timing? → A gift on God's time.
- **Am I willing to GO?**: God uses waiting to prepare hearts...sometimes were not ready. How can we prepare?
- **RESPONSE**: Jesus wants to baptize us in His Spirit and FILL us...and we CAN receive this.

→ **We can have MORE of the Holy Spirit and His power to share Jesus through our words and lives!**

**TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.**

1. Do I believe God has more available to me? Like any relationship, what happens as we grow closer?
2. What is the significance to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit is received? How does this apply to us today?
3. What is the purpose of the "empowerment" of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts? How does this apply to us today?
4. Am I open? Am I trusting Jesus? Am I willing to wait? Am I willing to go?
5. **PRAYER**: "Jesus, we ask you to baptize us in the Holy Spirit and fill us again so we can boldly share Christ!"

## The Holy Spirit's activity in the OT & the NT:

### Old Testament:

- **Genesis 1:2** - "The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters."
- **Exodus 31:3** - "I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts."
- **Numbers 11:25** - "Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took some of the Spirit that was upon Moses and put the Spirit upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But this never happened again."
- **Judges 14:6** - "The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him, and he ripped the lion's jaws apart with his bare hands. He did it as easily as if it were a young goat. But he didn't tell his father or mother about it."
- **1 Samuel 10:6** - "At that time the Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them. You will be changed into a different person."
- **1 Samuel 16:13** - "So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on."
- **Isaiah 11:2** - "And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."
- **Ezekiel 36:27** - "And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations."

### New Testament:

- **Matthew 3:16** - "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."
- **John 14:16-17** - "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."
- **Acts 2:4** - "And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability."
- **Romans 8:9** - "But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)"
- **1 Corinthians 2:10-11** - "But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets."
- **Galatians 5:22-23** - "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."
- **Ephesians 1:13-14** - "And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."
- **1 Thessalonians 1:5** - "For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true."

## The Trinity Scriptures: 3 "persons" in 1 "essence"

### Old Testament:

- **Genesis 1:26-27**: "Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.'"
- **Genesis 3:22**: "And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil.'"
- **Genesis 11:7**: "Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other."
- **Isaiah 6:8**: "Then I heard the Lord asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?'"
- **Isaiah 48:16**: "Come closer, and listen to this. From the beginning I have told you plainly what would happen. And now the Sovereign Lord and his Spirit have sent me with this message."

### New Testament:

- **Matthew 3:16-17**: "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.'"
- **Matthew 28:19**: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
- **John 14:16-17**: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."
- **John 15:26**: "But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me."
- **John 16:13-15**: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."

- **2 Corinthians 13:14**: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- **Ephesians 4:4-6**: "For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all."

### Scriptures Use Metaphors to Speak about the Holy Spirit:

- **Wind: John 3:8** - "The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."
- **Fire: Acts 2:3** - "Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them."
- **Water: John 7:38-39** - "Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.' (When he said 'living water,' he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him.)"
- **Oil: 1 John 2:20, 27** - "But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth... But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie."
- **Dove: Matthew 3:16** - "After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."
- **Seal/Seal of Promise: Ephesians 1:13-14** - "And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people."

### The Holy Spirit has work to do in us and through us.

- **Comforter/Advocate: John 14:16-17**: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."
- **Teacher/Guide: John 16:13**: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard."
- **Convicter of Sin: John 16:8**: "And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment."
- **Indweller of Believers: 1 Cor. 6:19**: "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?"
- **Empowerer for Christian Living: Gal. 5:22-23**: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."
- **Revealer of God's Wisdom: 1 Cor. 2:10-12**: "But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets."
- **Bearer of Witness: Rom. 8:16**: "For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."
- **Empowerer for Ministry: Acts 1:8**: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- **Intercessor in Prayer: Rom. 8:26**: "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."
- **Grantor of Spiritual Gifts: 1 Cor. 12:4-11**: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all."
- **Giver of Life: Rom. 8:11**: "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."
- **Transformative Agent: 2 Cor. 3:18**: "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."
- **Interpreter of Spiritual Truth: 1 Cor. 2:14**: "But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."
- **Sealer/Assurer of Salvation: Eph. 1:13-14**: "And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."
- **Unifier of Believers: Eph. 4:3**: "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."
- **Empowerer for Holiness: 2 Thess. 2:13**: "As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth."
- **Empowerer for Endurance: Romans 15:13**: "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."
- **Agent of Baptism: Matthew 3:11**: "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

- **Glorifier of Christ: John 16:14:** "He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me."
- **Revealer of God's Love: Romans 5:5:** "And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."

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- **Galatians 5:22-23** - *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

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