

HOPE MULTIPLIED
Acts 1:4-8 CSB

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Acts 1:4-5 (CSB)

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever."

John 14:16 (CSB)

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you."

John 14:26 (CSB)

"And look, I am sending you what my Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high."

Luke 24:49 (CSB)

You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.

Romans 8:9 (CSB)

He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the right time—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him. ¹¹In him we have also received an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will, ¹²so that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory. ¹³In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. ¹⁴The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:9-14 (CSB)

This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength.

Ephesians 1:15-19 (CSB)

2. The disciples needed new PRIORITIES.

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority."

Acts 1:6-7 (CSB)

3. The disciples needed new POWER.

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Acts 1:8 (CSB)

When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. ³They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. ⁴Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. ⁶When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues." ¹²They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But some sneered and said, "They're drunk on new wine."

Acts 2:1-13 (CSB)

Now those who had been scattered as a result of the persecution that started because of Stephen made their way as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰But there were some of them, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. ²²News about them reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to travel as far as Antioch. ²³When

he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with devoted hearts, ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And large numbers of people were added to the Lord. ²⁵Then he went to Tarsus to search for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught large numbers. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

Acts 11:19-26 (CSB)