

## **UPSIDE DOWN- The Works of the Holy Spirit**

...“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

Acts 17:6

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:4-5

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>(a)</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

The book of acts is about the acts and the activities of the Holy Spirit.

56 times in the Book of Acts we read the name Holy Spirit

The third member of the trinity is the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is not the only time the Holy Spirit shows up in the book of Acts.

Acts 1- Jesus is taken up to Heaven

Acts 2- Holy Spirit comes/ thousands come to salvation

Acts 3- Peter heals a leper

Acts 4- boldness to preach even to death

Acts 5- Peter’s shadow heals people

Acts 6- Stephen’s face shone as one of an angel

Acts 7- Stephen falls asleep during a stoning

Acts 8- Phillip casts out demons

Acts 9- Saul is saved- becomes the Apostle Paul

Acts 10- Peter has a vision that Jesus came to save everyone- not just the Jews

Acts 11- Barnabas had a vision of coming famine

Acts 12- An angel frees Peter from prison

Acts 13- Revival among the Jews begins to break out

Acts 14- Paul & Barnabas performed many signs and wonders

Acts 15- Grace versus works was established for the church

Acts 16- Paul & Silas worshipped and prison doors opened

Acts 17- Many men and women were saved

Acts 18- Paul had a vision

Acts 19- tongues & prophesy

Acts 20- Euthycus raised from the dead

Acts 21- Paul preaches in chains

Acts 22- Paul is invited to preach the Gospel by those who had arrested him  
Acts 23- The Lord appears to Paul  
Acts 24- Jesus is proclaimed  
Acts 25- Paul preaches before the King  
Acts 26- An angel appears to Paul  
Acts 27- Everyone survives a shipwreck  
Acts 28- All the sick were healed

One encounter with the Holy Spirit has the power to change everything.

### **The Holy Spirit:**

**speaks**

**directs to a particular place**

**gives wisdom**

**brings joy**

**confirms the gospel message through signs and wonders**

**helps people make decision**

**gives visions**

**gives dreams**

**enables people to speak in tongues**

**empowers people to speak someone else's language**

**empowers people to prophesy**

**empowers people to preach**

### **The Holy Spirit is personal.**

And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. <sup>23</sup>I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.

Acts 20:22-23

-He is our best friend, but He is not just that- He is the fullness of the living, resurrected God abiding in us.

-He is interested in our lives.

-God for us in the Old Testament. God with us in Jesus. God in us through the Holy Spirit.

### **The Holy Spirit is power.**

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..

Acts 1:8

-He is totally normal

-He didn't turn anyone off

-He empowered the church of God to do the things Jesus did

### **The Holy Spirit is practical.**

Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

### Acts 6:3

- Filled with the Spirit is the qualification for leadership
- He has the answers to our practical, life questions

### RESPONSE:

The earliest followers were completely dependent upon the acts of the Holy Spirit. We too must be completely dependent upon the acts of the Holy Spirit.

They were continuously filled with the Holy Spirit. We too must be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit.

The filling of the Holy Spirit is a separate event from salvation.

When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:13-17

and [Paul] asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when<sup>a</sup> you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ... When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues<sup>b</sup> and prophesied.

Acts 19: 2 & 6

If we're going to turn the world upside down, we've got to be desperate for the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER TODAY:

1. That we would receive Jesus.
2. That we would receive the Holy Spirit. (an outpouring, a filling)
3. That we would be desperate for the Holy Spirit.