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Acts : The Holy Spirit at Work # 2

The Gift of Pentecost

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- In Some Of His Last Words To His Disciples Before He Ascended Into Heaven
- Jesus Told Them That They Needed To Wait For The Gift That The Father Promised

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The Gift (1:1-4)

- **Acts 1:1–4 (NIV)** — 1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 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.

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It Is A Gift That Has Been Promised

- The Gift Was The Coming Of The Holy Spirit,
 - *A Counselor, A Comforter*
 - *One Given To Help Them Complete The Task*
 - *One Who Would Be With Them to Lead And Guide Them*
- **Joel 2:28–29 (NIV)** — 28 “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

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It Is A Gift With A Command

- The Gift Of The Holy Sprit Filling Our Lives Is Not Merely An Option. It Is Part Of God's Plan For Each One Of Us.
- **Acts 1:4 (NIV) — 4** 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.

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The Command for Believers Today Remains : Receive This Gift

1. The Task Is Too Big -- To Accomplish On Our Own

2. The Task Is Too Hard -- To Accomplish By Ourselves

3. The Task Is Not Finished -- And We Need Divine Help To Finish It

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It Is A Gift From The Father

- *This Gift Is The Most Valuable And Precious Gift A Believer Can Receive After Being Saved*
- *Luke Says 7 Times That The Gift Of The Baptism Of The Spirit Is Given To Us By The Father. Its In Line With His Heart For Us.*

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Acts 1:5 (NIV) — 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

- Willingness And Submission are Necessary In The Process

1. The Baptizer Needs To Be Willing To Baptize

2. The Candidate For Baptism Has To Submit To Baptism

- We Have To Submit And Receive Baptism To Be Baptized

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The Baptizer Is Jesus

- **Matthew 3:11 (NIV) — 11** “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
- **We Ask Jesus To Fill Us -- He Is The One Who Baptizes Us**

Our Part:

- 1. Come To Him*
- 2. Receive This Gift*
- 3. Speak In The New Language That The Spirit Gives To Us*

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The Call To The Church – To Witness (1:4-11)

- Acts 1:4–11 (NIV) — 4 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. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” 6 So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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The Plan To Be A Witness

- The Gospel Message Will Be Witnessed And Shared By Christ's Followers – In The Power Of The Gift To Be Given To Them. They Will Then Receive Power Thru The Holy Spirit
- They Give Eyewitness Testimony About What They Have Seen, Heard, Experienced, & Observed.

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The Place To Be A Witness

- Acts 1:8 (NIV) — 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
 1. *Jesus’ followers began witnessing in Jerusalem (Acts 1–7).*
 2. *they took the gospel to the districts of Judea and Samaria and throughout Palestine* (Acts 8–12).*
 3. *their witnessing spread throughout the Roman world and to Rome itself (Acts 13–28).*



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The Power To Be A Witness

- To Witness Effectively We Need The Power Of The Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power To Witness For Him.

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The Purpose To Be A Witness

- Acts 1:11 (NIV) — 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”
- The Purpose Of Witnessing Is To Prepare People To Meet The Lord

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3. The Steps To Outpouring (1:12-2:4)

- **Acts 1:12–14 (NIV)** — 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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- **Acts 2:1–4 (NIV)** — 1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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4 Things To Learn & Implement In Our Pursuit Of The Promised Gift

1. Obedience

2. Unity

3. Prayer

4. Study Of Scriptures

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- 1. We must be totally committed to obeying the Lord.***
- 2. We must be willing to commit time to be together in unity, not just union.***
- 3. We must live lives of constant prayerfulness,***
- 4. We must be people of the Word, seeking guidance and truth from the Bible daily.***

- Wood, G. O. Acts: The Holy Spirit at work in believers***

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1. How long were the believers to wait for the gift of the Father?

- 30 days
- 40 days
- 50 days
- Until they received

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2. The believer's part in being baptized in the Holy Spirit is to

- to be silent.
- to plead and beg.
- submit and receive.
- fast and pray.

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3. Concerning the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer, Luke emphasizes the Spirit's help in

- salvation.
- service.
- sanctification.
- all of the above.

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4. The purpose of Pentecost was to

- revive the church.
- create the church.
- comfort the church.
- empower the church.

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5. According to Acts 1:8, believers will receive

- social authority and prestige.
- power to witness.
- political power and influence.
- power to speak in tongues.

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6. The word *kairos* means

- "the right time or season."
- "a series of events."
- "time."
- all of the above.

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7. At the Ascension, Jesus symbolically turned a place of death (Mount of Olives) into a place of

- worship.
- triumph and life.
- popularity.
- judgment.

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8. The purpose of witnessing is to

- fulfill a believer's obligation to the Lord.
- prepare people to meet the Lord.
- increase the power and influence of the kingdom of God.
- do all of the above.

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9. Concerning replacing the position of Judas, the apostles sought direction from

- God's Word.
- tradition.
- Jewish law.
- each other.

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10. Four attitudes and actions that preceded the outpouring of the Holy Spirit were

- obedience, diligence, unity, and prayer.
- unity, patience, prayer, and the study and application of God's Word.
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