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Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV) – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit”.

Galatians 5:25 (NLT) - “Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives”.

Acts 1:4-6 (AMP) – While being together and eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Of which,” He said, “you have heard Me speak. [John 14:16, 26; 15:26] For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now”. So when they had come together, they asked Him repeatedly, “Lord, are You at this time reestablishing the kingdom and restoring it to Israel?”

“The ‘promise of the Father’ now became also the promise of the Son” – **Arthur T. Pierson**

“**baptize**” = Greek *baptize* – “dip, sink, immerse, or submerge”

Acts 1:7-8 (AMP) – He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth”.

“It is surely a fact of inexhaustible significance that what our Lord left behind Him was not a book, nor a creed, nor a system of thought, nor a rule of life, but a visible community. He committed the entire work of salvation to that community” – **Lesslie Newbigin, The Household of God**

Luke 24:46-49 (NIV) – He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness

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of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high”.

Acts 1:12-14 (AMP) – “Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet (Olive Grove), which is near Jerusalem, [only] a Sabbath day’s journey (less than one mile) away. When they had entered the city, they went upstairs to the upper room where they were staying [indefinitely]; that is, Peter, and John and [his brother] James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew (Nathanael) and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas (Thaddaeus) the son of James. All these with one mind and one purpose were continually devoting themselves to prayer, [waiting together] along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers”.

Acts 1:15-16 (AMP) – Now on one of these days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (a gathering of about a hundred and twenty believers was there) and he said, “Brothers and sisters, it was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the lips of David [king of Israel] about Judas [Iscaiot], who acted as guide to those who arrested Jesus”.

Acts 1:24-26 (AMP) – They prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know all hearts [their thoughts, motives, desires], show us which one of these

two You have chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship which Judas left to go to his own place [of evil]”. And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 14:15-18 (NIV) – “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you”.

John 14:25-26 (NIV) – “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you”.