

# UNCOVERED

TEACHER'S HANDBOOK



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- A BIBLE STUDY COURSE -

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## LESSON 10

# THE NEW TESTAMENT BEGINS

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## CHART 1 - FINAL COMMANDS

After Jesus' resurrection and appearance to over 500 believers, He gave instructions to His disciples regarding the next phase of His mission. Jesus informed His disciples that the future of His work would be placed into their hands.

### Parallel of Jesus' Final Commands

- » Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- » Mark 16:15-16 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved."
- » Luke 24:47 "...and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Jesus told His disciples to wait together in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit, which would give them the power they needed to begin to preach the gospel.

- » **READ: Acts 1:4-5; 8**

Once these commands were given to the disciples of Jesus, He ascended out of their sight and into Heaven.

- » Acts 1:9 "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

The disciples then went into Jerusalem as Jesus had commanded them to do and prayed for God to fill them with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:12-14 "Then they returned to Jerusalem...and when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying...these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication."

## CHART 2 - THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

After ten days of praying and waiting in Jerusalem, this brought the disciples to the time of the Jewish festival known as Pentecost. This was the day in which God would choose to fill them with the Holy Spirit so they could carry on the work of Jesus.

» **READ:** Acts 2:1-4

The infilling of the Holy Spirit was an experience where God's own presence actually consumed believers to the point where they had no words to express the experience. Instead, God Himself spoke through the mouths of those He filled.

**Q.** *Do you know what the word 'tongues' in the New Testament means?*

**A.** *The word 'tongues' means languages. To prove that it was truly God speaking through them, the Holy Spirit spoke through them in languages they had not previously learned.*

**SIDE NOTE:** *This experience was not something that came out of nowhere. It was actually a fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies.*

- » Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh."
- » Isaiah 28:11 "For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people."
- » John 7:38-39 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive."

As odd as this experience may seem to an unbeliever, it is nonetheless the experience that God has chosen to demonstrate His absolute power over a human being who has completely surrendered to Him.

**Why God chose 'tongues' to demonstrate His power:**

*Extra Scripture References: James 3:5-8, Matthew 12:34*

## CHART 3 - THE EXPLOSION OF THE CHURCH

Because the outpouring of the Holy Spirit happened during the Jewish festival of Pentecost, there were many more people in Jerusalem than usual.

When the disciples received the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, they were so overwhelmed with joy that they left the upper room and praised God in the streets. This spectacle initially confused the large crowd until Jesus' disciple Peter stood up and preached to them.

» **READ: Acts 2:14-16**

At that point, Peter preached the gospel message for the very first time. He told the crowd that Jesus was the Christ and that they had wrongfully murdered Him. Take a look at their response...

» **READ: Acts 2:37**

The crowd knew they were guilty of sin and asked Peter what they should do to be forgiven.

### **Peter's Instructions:**

» **Acts 2:38** "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Once Peter gave the instructions for obeying the gospel, the response was incredible.

» **READ: Acts 2:41-42; 46-47**

The New Testament had begun! Three thousand people believed that Jesus was the Christ, and their faith led them to obeying Peter's instructions. They repented. They were baptized. They received the Holy Spirit. This was the beginning of the New Testament Church.

**The Church: the called out people of God.**

## **CHART 4 - BECOMING A PART OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH**

From the Day of Pentecost to this very day, we are in the New Testament Church Age. The experience written in the book of Acts is not only for historical reference, but has been given to us as an instruction manual for salvation today.

Peter's message of repentance, water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and receiving the Holy Spirit was the direct obedience of Old Testament prophecies and the commands of Jesus.

**JESUS:** "...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5

**PETER:** "...be baptized...receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38

**JESUS:** "...and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name..." Luke 24:47

**PETER:** "Repent, and...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." Acts 2:38

**JESUS:** "Make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

*\*singular name that represents the fullness of God*

**PETER:** "...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ..." Acts 2:38

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Since we ourselves are also in the New Testament Church Age, our message and experience should parallel that of the book of Acts. There is no end to this experience until Jesus returns, marking the end of the New Testament Church Age.

- » Acts 2:39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

## CHART 5 - THE EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH

With the church now established, the Lord began to expand the gospel message outside of the city of Jerusalem. Through persecution from those who resisted the message, and through divine calling, Jesus' disciples began to travel and plant churches by preaching the message of salvation. Their message was the same as Peter's on the Day of Pentecost.

### BELIEVE

- » Acts 8:37 "If you believe with all your heart"...and he answered and said "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."
- » Acts 10:43 "whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."
- » Acts 13:39 "...and by Him everyone who believes is justified..."
- » Acts 16:31 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."

### REPENT

- » Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted..."
- » Acts 19:18 "And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds."
- » Acts 20:21 "...testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God..."

### BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

- » Acts 8:16 "They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."
- » Acts 10:48 "he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."
- » Acts 19:5 "...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."
- » Acts 22:16 "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

### RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

- » Acts 8:17 "Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."
- » Acts 9:17 "receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
- » Acts 10:44-46 "the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word...For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."
- » Acts 19:6 "And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied."