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The Outpouring of the Spirit

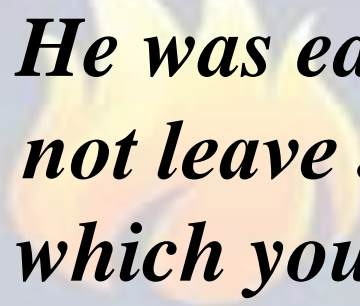
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(Acts 1:1-5, 8)

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 presented himself to them 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.

⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” –

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⁶ Then they gathered around Him and 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.” Amp

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(Gal. 6:7-9), “⁷ *Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.*

⁸ *Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.*

⁹ *So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.” Nlt*

(Deut.28:1,2), “If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully keep all His commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the world.

² You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God..”

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(Haggai 2:5) –“ As for the promise which I made to you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!”

(Joel 2:28,29), “It shall come about after this, That I shall pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.

²⁹“Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

- ***(John 14:16,17, 25-27), ¹⁶ “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever—***
- ***¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you.....***

25 “I have told you these things while I am still with you.

26 But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

27 Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] Amp

Notice: Jesus' instructions to His disciples in the words of our text: (Acts 1:4,5), *⁴While 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. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now."*

- **The first order was not an order for His followers to "go."**
- **The first order, was an order for His followers to "wait."**

(Acts 2:1-4, 41-42), “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them [as each person received the Holy Spirit]. And they were all filled [that is, diffused throughout their being] with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out [clearly and appropriately].” AMP



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⁴¹ So then, those who accepted his message were baptized; and on that day about 3,000 souls were added [to the body of believers].

⁴² They were continually and faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to eating meals together and to prayers.

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