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The truth of the resurrection

❖ **Acts 1:1-3**

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

❖ **Acts 1:4-5**

1. Wait on the Lord

- ❖ John 6:63—*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*

2. Why is the Holy Spirit a promise? Don't they already have Holy Spirit?

- ❖ Psalm 51:11—*Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*
- ❖ John 3:5-8—*"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*
- ❖ Ezekiel 36:26-27—*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

Jesus commissions the Church

❖ **Acts 1:6-8**

1. Holy Spirit empowers the Church to be gospel witnesses to the ends of the earth

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:18—*gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*



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2. Jesus corrects of their understanding of His Kingdom

- ❖ John 18:36—*My kingdom is not of this world.*

Jesus ascends to heaven

❖ **Acts 1:9-11**

1. The ascension shows us the *glory* of Christ

- ❖ Exodus 13:22—*pillar of cloud by day*
- ❖ 2 Chronicles 5:13-14—*the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.*
- ❖ Revelation 4:8—*“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”*

2. The Ascension assures us that Christ is ruling from his Throne

- ❖ Romans 8:28—*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

3. The Ascension assures us that Christ is interceding for us

- ❖ Romans 8:34—*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died —more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*
- ❖ Hebrews 4:14-16—*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

4. The Ascension assures us that Christ will give us His Holy Spirit

- ❖ John 16:7-8—*I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.*

5. The Ascension assures us of Christ’s return

❖ **Acts 1:11**

- ❖ Revelation 21:3-5—*“ Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “ Behold, I am making all things new.*



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