

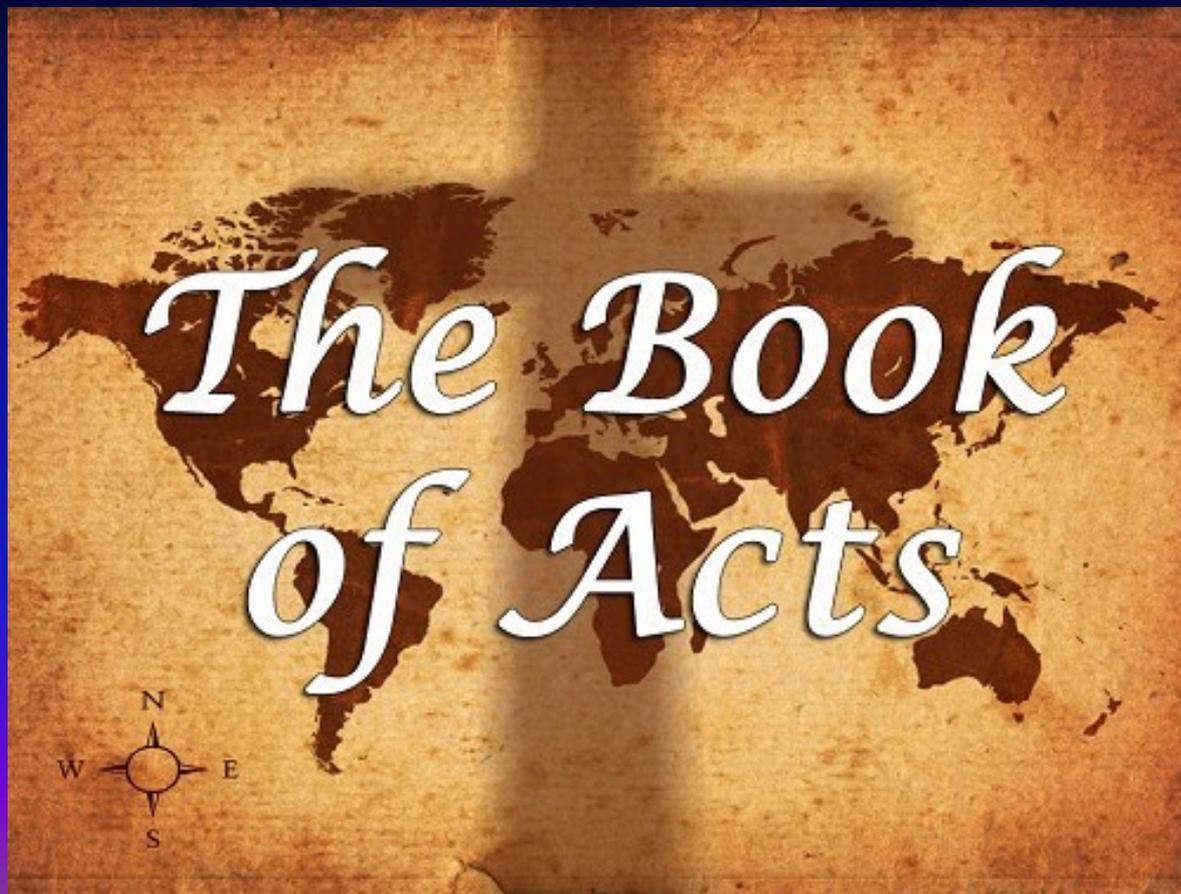
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Church – The Beginnings, Part 2

Acts 1:1-8



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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses...



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Acts 1:1-8

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus **BEGAN** both to **DO** and **TEACH**,² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,³ to whom He also presented Himself **ALIVE** after His suffering by many **INFALLIBLE PROOFS**, being **SEEN** by them during **FORTY** days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

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Acts 1:1-8

⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them NOT to depart from Jerusalem, but to WAIT for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall BE WITNESSES to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (compare with Luke 24:44-49 & Matt. 28:18-20)

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Timing – The Crucifixion, The Resurrection and The Coming of the Holy Spirit:

1. Each Happened as a Fulfillment of a certain Feast Day.
 - a. Crucifixion → Passover
 - b. Burial → Feast of Unleavened Bread
(1st day, the High Holy after Passover)
 - c. Resurrection → Feast Day of First Fruits (see 1 Cor. 15:20ff)
 - d. The Coming of the Holy Spirit → Pentecost (Shavuot) – Acts 2
(50 days after First Fruits)

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Timing – The Crucifixion, The Resurrection and The Coming of the Holy Spirit:

- 2. “It is Not for you to know Times and Seasons ...” (what? wait a minute)**
Timing ... what God wants us to know, is what matters or should matter to us most. (verses 4-8) → But what those disciples were to know was the time of the coming of the Holy Spirit. They were commanded to wait there in Jerusalem for this Event, a Unique, One-Time Event.

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→ The “Promise of the Father” is the promised “coming of the Holy Spirit” ... This is not some 2nd Work Blessing AFTER Salvation ... but it is the Holy Spirit Bringing Salvation. The Salvation that Christ purchased for us on the Cross (through His Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection) would be applied to those Disciples, as long as they waited there in Jerusalem...

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Timing – The Crucifixion, The Resurrection and The Coming of the Holy Spirit:

2. “It is Not for you to know Times and Seasons ...”

John 7:37-39 -- On the last day, that great day of the feast [feast of Tabernacles], Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of Living Water.” ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him WOULD RECEIVE; for the Holy Spirit was NOT yet given, because Jesus was NOT yet glorified.

So, when was Jesus Glorified?

When He Rose from the Dead?

– OR –

When He Ascended to Heaven and Sat at the Right Hand of God the Father?

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Timing – The Crucifixion, The Resurrection and The Coming of the Holy Spirit:

3. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (vs. 8)

So, in the context of that passage, is Jesus talking to all Christians or just to His disciples, at that time?

Answer: His Disciples at that time

Will a non-Christian who does not have God's Spirit dwelling within him or her want to go out and be a witness for Christ? Will a non-Christian who does not have God's Spirit dwelling within him or her have the ability (power and authority) to speak the Gospel and God's Word to the lost?

Only genuine, Born Again, Christians will want to and have the authority and power to do so. Their life, testimony, and the Gospel is the

Witness/Testimony of Christ's power to Transform sinners to saints ... that is what is proclaimed to the lost. Why would the lost want to do that? They are lost sinners. 1 Cor. 12:3 – "... no one can say that Jesus is LORD except by the Holy Spirit."

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Thus, God's Holy Spirit came upon those first disciples, bringing the New Covenant to Earth, because of Christ's finished work of redemption and it was APPLIED via the Holy Spirit → SO THAT they would Be His Witnesses (ref.: Jer. 31:31-33; Ezek. 36:25-27) Saved with a PURPOSE

Purpose: Saved, Born Again, so that they would be His Witnesses to the Lost world around them.

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4. Today, when does the Holy Spirit come into a person?

We DO NOT find the answer to this question in the book of Acts, but we do find the answer in the Apostles' Doctrine (in the New Testament books of Romans thru Jude – the “Epistles” as they are called)

¹³ In Him [in Christ] you also trusted, AFTER you heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation; in whom also, having BELIEVED, you were SEALED with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the GUARANTEE of our inheritance until the redemption of the PURCHASED possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:13-14

The Holy Spirit of Promise → The Promise of the Father ...

- a. Lost sinners must Hear the Word of Truth, the Gospel, first.**
- b. The lost sinner must Repent and Trust in full surrender to Christ**
- c. Then the Holy Spirit comes into that person - Born Again - New Creation**

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When that person surrenders to Christ, that is when Christ comes into the life of that person via the presence of the Holy Spirit (i.e.: the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit). This fulfills the Promise that Christ made in John 7:37-39. Although it is true that the Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit works on lost sinners prior to their salvation (John 14:15-26; 15:26-27; 16:5-15), He does not come into their lives until AFTER they surrender in full repentance and trust to Christ. Thus, being Born Again, or Born of the Spirit (John 3:3-21)

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4. Today, when does the Holy Spirit come into a person?

**All Genuine Christians are Born Again – Born from Above, Born of the Spirit
(see John 3:3-21)**

This is the same term (usage) as being “Baptized in the Spirit”:

1 Corinthians 12:13 -- For by one Spirit we were ALL baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

This is what Jesus was referring to when He mentioned “... but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Not just some Christians, but All → when we are Born Again.

The Only Event in Common, the Only Common Experience All Christians have is our Initial Born Again Experience → when we came to Christ, at that Moment we were Baptized in, by, and with the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)

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5. The POWER of Christ via the Holy Spirit:

⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, THROUGH the WASHING of REGENERATION and RENEWING of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He Poured OUT UPON us ABUNDANTLY through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:4-7

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5. The POWER of Christ via the Holy Spirit (ref.: Titus 3:4-7):

When the Holy Spirit comes into Surrendered, Repentant people who have Trusted Christ for salvation – He:

- a. **Brings Salvation – He Applies Christ’s Purchased Salvation to them, on the inside**
- b. **Washes them – Cleans them Thoroughly – Holiness – He makes them Holy – internally**
- c. **Regenerates and Renews Them → Causes them to be Born Again → New Creations (2 Cor. 5:17)**
- d. **Fills them (Poured Out Upon Us Abundantly ...) – not just a sprinkle – but the Ocean**
- e. **Causes them to be Joint Heirs with Christ and the rest of the Body of Christ. This means that they, too, can Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, for His Glory with other believers, together (no being a Lone Ranger) → Only Heirs can Spread the Good News of Their King**

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

