

**Title: You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit**

**Text: Acts 1:4-5**

Last Sunday we began a series in Acts

We saw from Acts 1:1 that Luke's purpose for writing Acts was to record what Jesus began to do and teach

And That The book of Acts is not only the Acts of the Apostles,

**BUT THE ACTS OF THE RISEN, LIVING SAVIOR**

Then we noted **THREE** things the apostles needed (AND WE NEED) if they were going to be the instruments through which Jesus WILL DO his work in the world.

**First** they needed a **COMMISSION**

And they received that

Acts 1:2 says he gave them a commandment through the Holy Spirit.

**Second**, they needed **VERIFICATION** that Jesus was really alive and triumphant over death.

Acts 1:3 says that Jesus presented himself to them alive after his death with many proofs appearing to them for forty days.

**Third**, they needed more instruction about the kingdom of God.

Again Acts 1:3 says that he spent time during those forty days between his resurrection and ascension **speaking to them of the kingdom of God.**

**That's where we stopped last week.**

But verses 4 and 5 go on to show that there is another crucial thing that WE need in order to be effective instruments in the hands of the Living Lord.

**AND THAT IS TO BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Lets read  
Acts 1:4-5

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."

Three years before Jesus spoke these words

John the Baptist was in the wilderness preaching  
Calling the Jews to repent

to receive forgiveness for their sins

and to be baptized

as a sign of their new relationship to God

Luke 3:3 says:

“ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. “

**All the while** he made it clear that the Messiah was coming soon

And that when the Messiah came HE THE MESSIAH would baptize the people not merely in water

**BUT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Luke 3:16 says...

, "I baptize you with water.

But one more powerful than I

will come,

the thongs

of whose sandals I

am not worthy to untie.

**He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**

What Jesus says in ACTS 1:5 is a direct reference to this proclamation

AND he declares

"This is going to happen in just a few days –

**YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

- John immersed you in water;  
I am going to immerse you in the Holy Spirit.

- John drenched you in water;  
I am going to drench you in the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was saying to the disciples that if they wanted to effective tools in the hands of the savior

They needed a commission  
They needed validation  
They needed teaching

But most importantly

**THEY NEEDED TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT."**

And I proclaim to you

In agreement with God and His word that

You also

Need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

**PRAYER – AND I AM PRAYING THAT NOT MANY DAYS HENSE  
YOU WILL RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The first thing I want investigate is

**1. WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE DAY CAME THAT THE HOLY  
SPIRIT WAS POURED OUT – THAT DAY OF PENTECOST**

the description is given for us in  
Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

## **SO WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE BAPTISM CAME?**

### **LET'S BREAK IT DOWN...**

#### **1. A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING**

Why a sound of WIND?

As you know the word Spirit is the word *Pneuma*

From which we get the word pneumonia and pneumatic

The Holy Spirit is associated with the Wind throughout the Bible

Even by Jesus

John 3:8

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

So it is not unusual for their to be a wind or sound of a wind associated with the pouring out of the Spirit

I believe

**IT POINTED TO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE THE WIND AND ITS EFFECT ARE POWERFUL**

AND IT POINTED TO THE FULLNESS OF HIS COMING – FOR THE WIND AND AIR FILL ALL THINGS

SO WE HAVE WIND – NOT UNUSUAL

Secondly,

## **2. THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM**

All throughout scripture Fire symbolizes God's purifying presence, When Isaiah received his call from the Lord (Is. 6) in the year King Uzziah died – Isaiah recognized His unholy ness – And an Angel took a coal from the alter and touched to Isaiah lips and purified him...

The Fire of God's presence burns away the undesirable things in our lives  
It sets our hearts on FIRE  
IT ignites our lives. AND IT PURIFIES US

More interesting then its symbolism - is this events correlation to the giving of the first Covenant on Mount Sinai

Exodus 19:16-18

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. [17] Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. [18] **Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire.** The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently,

On Mount Sinai, God confirmed the validity of the Old Testament law with **fire** from heaven

IN OTHER WORDS – WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THAT MOUNTAIN YOU KNEW GOD WAS SERIOUS....

At Pentecost, God confirmed the validity of the Holy Spirit's ministry by sending fire.

At Mount Sinai, fire had come down on one place;

At Pentecost, fire came down on many believers,

Meaning that God's presence is now available to all who believe in him.

**THEN IT SAYS THIRLDY.....**

**3. ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

THAT WORD FILLED IS VERY IMPORTANT AND WE WILL COME  
BACK TO THAT

And finally The Bible Says

**4. THEY BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT  
ENABLED THEM.**

When they began to speak in other tongues

**They did something they had never done before**

Again the purpose for the gift harkens back to Mt. Sinai

On Mt Sinai When God Made his Covenant with man he spoke

Hebrews 12:18-19

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; [19] to a trumpet blast **or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them,**

Exodus 20:18-19

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. **They stayed at a distance [19] and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."**

God desired to speak to his people audibly **but they would not stand for it.**

**The Bible tells us what the voice of God sounds like**

Rev. 14:2

And I heard a voice from heaven, **as the voice of many waters**, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

John 12:28-29

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. [29] **The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.**

(ILL) AWESOME POWER AT THE AIR SHOW

Though God wanted to speak

**From that point on God spoke through prophets**

Hebrews 1:1-2

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom **he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE DAY CAME AND THE H.S WAS  
POURED OUT

Jesus , heir and creator of all things – poured out His spirit and filled the 120 disciples in the upper room

And they began

**PROPHESYING**

Acts 2:11 tells us what they were saying:

For what they were saying was clearly interpreted

They were **“DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD!”**

AND IT STOPPED PEOPLE IN THEIR TRACKS

Here they were 120 speaking in languages they have never learned

THE WORD TONGUES IS glossolalia unknown tongues  
WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS Xenolalia FOREIGN TONGUES

#### ILLUSTRATION

I have heard reports of Missionaries who went to China shortly after their conversion and Baptism in the Holy Ghost believing that they could become an instant missionary now that they spoke in tongues.

But later learned that they misunderstood the spirit's intentions for the gift...

tongues are not necessarily languages of earthly people groups...

AS we read I Corinthians this doctrine becomes clear  
Not all tongues are the languages of the known peoples of the world

Acts lists the languages and nations that heard and understood the tongues of the 120

Within a few short years there is a shift in the perspective that tongues are languages of nations that people are familiar with

1 Cor. 14:2

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, NO ONE UNDERSTANDS HIM; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

Paul explains that tongues comes from the Spirit

They manifest in believers as they pray  
And As they praise

And as they prophecy in conjunction with interpretation  
And through interpretation they have meaning

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN AMAZING THING TO HAVE LIVED  
during that day and to have experienced that powerful event  
I would have been stopped in my tracks

\*I know some people who enter our church and hear a messages in tongues and interpretations

They kind of get stopped in their **TRACKS**

What is that?

Peter explains **what this baptism in the Holy Spirit** is all about

he says in Acts 2:16-17

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; [17] And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God,I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

So when Jesus said in Acts 1:4,

**"Wait for the promise of the Father,"**

What he meant was,

**"Wait till the promise of Joel 2 is fulfilled."**

This is confirmed in Acts 2:32-33.

Peter says:

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. [33] Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit **and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

**Jesus is the one who baptizes you in the HOLY Spirit**

He entered heaven.

He received from the Father what he had promised.

And he poured out what the Jews were seeing and hearing at Pentecost, namely,

- the rushing wind,
- the tongues of fire,

- the speaking in other languages,
- the prophetic praise

Now I ask

**WHAT OF THIS EVENT IS THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

**WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF IT**

Is it the sound of wind,  
Do I hear a rushing mighty Wind

How about the Tongues of FIRE must I see tongues of Fire to be Baptized in the Holy Spirit

Is it the unknown tongues,  
IS it dreams  
Is it visions?

What will happen to me when I seek after and receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Turn to LUKE 24:49.

As you do I want you to keep in mind...

Acts 1:4

..., he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Now in Luke 24:49 Jesus says virtually the same thing.

Luke 24:49

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."

The focal point According of Jesus is POWER

Of all the things he could have focused on  
stay in the city until you have been clothed with TONGUES from on high.  
stay in the city until you have been clothed with FIRE from on high.

stay in the city until you have been clothed with WIND from on high.

Instead he focuses on being clothed with power.

WHY

The heart of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is empowerment.

You are at Luke 24:49

If you turn back to Luke 24:46 he tells us why we need this empowerment...

Luke 24:46-47

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, [47] and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And in the same context verse 49 he says we cannot do that successfully unless we are **CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM GOD** –

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE FILLED UP WITH THE HOLY GHOST**

1. According to acts 2:42

The initial filling was so powerful and miraculous that 3,000 people were converted

2. In Acts 4:8 Peter is again filled with the Holy Spirit and speaks with such power that the Jewish leaders were amazed at his boldness in spite lack of education

\*\*\*refilling\*\*\*

3. Acts 4:31 says

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

4. In Acts 6 we meet Stephen

Acts 6:5 says

He was a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit;

Luke tells us in Acts 6:8

Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

Acts 6:10 tells us that the enemy's of the church

could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.

5. In Acts 9:17 Paul is filled with the Holy Spirit at his conversion and the result was that he spoke with such extraordinary power that the Jews of Damascus were confounded (9:22).

6. In Acts 11:24 Barnabas was full of the Holy Spirit and faith and the effect Luke mentions was that "a large company was added to the Lord" (as at Pentecost).

7. In Acts 13:9 Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit as he spoke to El-oo-mas the magician and God gave him the extraordinary power to pronounce El-oo-mas blind for a season (13:11).

We can sum it up With Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8

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."

## CONCLUSION

Jesus said you need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

You need POWER

You might say – well I have gotten along this long with out it and I am doing just fine

## **There is coming a day**

When sounds doctrine  
 Good clean living  
 And persuasive preaching aren't going to work  
 Without a demonstration of God's POWER

I believe if you will ask to be filled YOU WILL BE

I believe if seek to be re-filled you will be

You won't need to hear wind, but that would be cool

You probably won't see tongues of fire, because that symbol had a specific historical purpose

But God is still purifying hearts with his fire

You will receive POWER WHICH IS THE PURPOSE FOR THE GIFT

And you should speak in tongues as evidence of that baptism

It happened to me that way  
 It happened to Peter that way  
 It happened to Paul that way  
 It happened to Cornelius and His household that way (Acts 11: 15-17)  
 The Corinthian Church believed it too

Jesus the Baptizer

Is ready today to clothe you with Power from On High

Are you ready?

Will You BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT