

“Jesus People Yield to the Spirit”

Acts 2:1-41

“I am convinced there is a desperate need in the church for the Holy Spirit of God to be given room to have His way.” Francis Chan, Forgotten God, page 27.

Acts 2 is about God’s plan to give His children the Holy Spirit and what that means in their lives.

- **GOD’S PLAN IS TO POUR HIS SPIRIT INTO YOUR LIFE.**

1:⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” . . . 2:¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. . . . ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. . . .” Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4; 14-17a (ESV)

(See Ezekiel 36:26-27, Numbers 11:29 and Jeremiah 31:31-33)

Jesus: . . .”for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. . . .” Acts 1:5 (ESV)

Peter: ¹⁵“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 11:15-16 (ESV)

What does the Baptism with the Holy Spirit mean in the NT?

- For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13 (NASB)

- “Baptized with the Holy Spirit” = receiving the Holy Spirit, experiencing His work of regeneration, cleansing, and power over sin and becoming a part of God’s family.

“ . . . Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God’s gift, the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 (GNB)

⁹ “ . . . You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.) . . . ¹¹The Spirit of God. . . lives in you. Romans 8:9a,11a (NLT)

“ . . . For the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you believed the message you heard about Christ.” Galatians 3:2b (NLT)

- **YOU WILL NOT EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT’S POWER UNLESS YOU YIELD TO THE SPIRIT’S PRESENCE.**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Romans 8:14 (ESV)

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples demonstrate yielding to the Holy Spirit by yielding their speech.

³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. Acts 2:38-41 (ESV)

Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19a (ESV)

Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)

A believer is “filled with the Spirit” when that believer is controlled by the Spirit.

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Gal 5:16 (NKJV)

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, . . . Ephesians 3:16a (NIV)