

## “The Promise Is for You”

Acts 2:1-47

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- Like a mighty, rushing wind ...
- Peter preached the power-packed story of Jesus.
- “What shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “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. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:38-39

1. God promised the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:16-18 **No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:** <sup>17</sup> “*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.* [Joel 2:28]

- Joel was about 830 BC.

Numbers 11:29 **But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”**

- Moses was about 1400 BC.

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.”**

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. <sup>5</sup> For John**

*baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with [ b ] the Holy Spirit .”*

2 The Holy Spirit leads us to Faith in Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 12:3 *Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.*

I Corinthians 2:14 *The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

- *The Gospel message Peter preached.*
- *The Holy Spirit make it possible for us to believe this.*

3 The Holy Spirit prompts us to Repentance .

John 16:8-11 *When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong **ἐλέγξει** , convict. Stirring in your heart*

*about sin and righteousness and judgment:*

*because people do not believe in me;*

*10 about*

*9 about sin,*

*righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;*

*11 and about judgment,*

*because the prince of this world now stands condemned.*

Mark 1:14-15 *After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*

*15 “The*

- *To repent means to change our minds – the mind of Christ!*
- *To repent means to change direction and enter God’s Kingdom!*
- *Repentance and forgiveness go hand in hand.*
- *God’s kindness leads us to repentance*

Romans 2:4 **Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?**

- **Baptism is a sign and seal of forgiveness.**
- **“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins ... (Acts 2:38)**
- **Repentance BEGINS the process.**
- **Or it can be another step forward in the process.**
- **(I repent all the time!)**
- **Don't wait until you think you can be perfect.**

4. The Holy Spirit continues to transform us.

II Corinthians 3:18 **And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.**

- **Becoming more like Jesus Christ.**
  - **The most loving person ever.**
  - **The wisest person ever.**
  - **The most influential person ever.**
- **Love, joy, peace, patience ...**

5. The Holy Spirit Baptizes and Empowers us.

Joel 2:28-29 **“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”** 29 **Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”**

- **The apostles spoke in tongues when the Holy Spirit came upon them.**
  - **That still happens.**
  - **Other gifts of the Spirit, like healings and other miracles.**
- **The passage talks about prophecy, dreams and visions.**
- **Let me remind you of some visions about WPC.**

- Epicenter of Revival  
( In revival addictions are broken  
Marriages and relationships are mended  
People are healed physically, emotionally, spritually  
Crime is reduced ...)
- Love poured out from heaven
- Shiny gold people.
- They're all the same vision, aren't they?
- They're all about Spreading God's Love.
- Advancing God's Kingdom.
- "be Jesus' witnesses" (Acts 1:8)
- I drove around neighborhoods for about 2 hours  
yesterday. "Sheep without a shepherd"
- That's what Holy Spirit empowerment is for!

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."***

6. It's time for \_\_\_\_\_ to receive Jesus Christ in faith.
7. It's time for \_\_\_\_\_ to embrace repentance.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ wants to be continually transformed by the Holy Spirit
9. It's time for \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Holy Spirit.
10. It's time for \_\_\_\_\_ to be baptized in water and the Spirit.

11. It's time for \_\_\_\_\_ to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
12. It's time for \_\_\_\_\_ to advance God's Kingdom.