

Luke 11:11-13 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

There is no need to wait... it is available now because the Holy Spirit was sent on the Day of Pentecost when the Church of Jesus Christ came into being (Acts 2:1-4)

When baptized in the Holy Spirit a great number of wonderful things are immediately ours ....

This Baptism makes us Full Gospel, Spirit-filled, Charismatic ... Powerful, supernatural Bible-believers



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## THE SECOND ENCOUNTER

Persecution in the early Church - Saul the Pharisee  
The first martyr (witness) for the faith - Stephen  
Due to the persecution the people scattered  
Acts 8:1 "And they were all scattered"  
As they scattered they were preaching...  
Acts 8:4 Those who had been scattered  
preached the word wherever they went

JESUS gave His disciples two commands  
Command #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 28:19a  
Command #2: \_\_\_\_\_ 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."

They obeyed the second command and stayed  
They stayed and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:14a)

Then the until happened...Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

NOW - those who STAYED and PRAYED were suppose to now \_\_\_\_\_

"...stay in Jerusalem until you have been clothes with power from on high"

Why? Because Jesus' last words to them before ascending into heaven were.... Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

They had stayed and prayed - now they were to go and be \_\_\_\_\_

Witness is from Greek meaning MARTYR

### **NEW RESOURCES THIS WEEK ON THE WEB**

**These are free downloads available for you on-line**

The Apostles' Perspective - two weekly comments on the Christian Church posted on-line on the web site including Churchquake and one other...

"Just a Thought" - a new daily posting of thoughts and comments about life and faith.... 6 a week— currently dealing with God's vision for your life!

Regular daily blog on a variety of topics where life and faith intersect and interact

This teaching has just been posted on-line and you can listen to it or download a written copy free

New teaching on "All Talk and No Power" posted today

Pictures and write-up of ministry events and activities

Testimonies of changed lives and healings posted as they are received

### **Prayer Requests for this week...**

**For Anchor's Boys Camp this week ... staff from several churches and for Elizabeth, our Administrator, who is working with the boys**

**For Ralph's second meeting with elders and members of an Alliance Church teaching them about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gifts**

**For Miroslav - Ralph's Administrator overseas and his work in the nation of Moldova**

**Ralph's work in Bulgaria - just starting**

You have been empowered - go and give your life for the Gospel of the Kingdom - be martyrs if necessary

They stayed and prayed - then stayed and \_\_\_\_\_ church

Obedience became disobedience

So God sent persecution to push them out of their comfort zone so they would obey Him and go...

Matthew 28:19a "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

The church is suppose to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

The Church gathers to be \_\_\_\_\_ and then scatters to \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 8:4-17 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there.

**When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed.** So there was great joy in that city. Now for

some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because

the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip had been gathered with the rest (Acts 6) and is now scattered (Acts 8)

The Gospel of the Kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_ proclaimed with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Paul talks about fully proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and the resurrected King Jesus...

Romans 15:18-19 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient - in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have **fully preached** the gospel of Christ.

The non-believers come to believe and have faith in Jesus... (Acts 8:12) thus fulfilling the Great Commission to "...go and make disciples..."

The apostles hear what is happening and so they come to the city of Samaria...

Their purpose: "...that they might receive the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:15b-17)

They know there is more and want THE SECOND ENCOUNTER

Simon was so amazed he offered them money if he could have the power (Acts 8:18-19)

When you were born physically into the world the Holy Spirit was \_\_\_\_\_ you

John 14:15-17 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

His task is to \_\_\_\_\_ you of sin (John 16:8)

His task is to get them to see their \_\_\_\_\_ and come to the cross

His task is to bring \_\_\_\_\_

His task is to help the person \_\_\_\_\_ their mind (\_\_\_\_\_) 2 Corinthians 7:8-10)

His task is to bring the person to \_\_\_\_\_

When you are born again the Holy Spirit then comes to \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:17 "... and will be in you")

BUT still another encounter with the Holy Spirit

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 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Jesus telling them there is more than the Spirit WITH you and then IN you... now need Him to come UPON you so you have \_\_\_\_\_

This is called the BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT and is available to everyone who is born again and wants more - knows they need more