

PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & JESUS' ASCENSION -- 1:4-11

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Monday 7:30pm, H 105 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – [Phil Twente](#), cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersbe and others.

“OUR GREAT NEED” – VS. 4-5 - TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S PRESENCE AND POWER IN OUR LIVES –

Rev 21:1 Act 1:4 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;

Act 1:5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with (Gr. En) the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S PRESENCE AND POWER IN OUR LIVES – *Acts 1:4-5*

The importance of this is demonstrated in two ways:

v. 4 “not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father.” - By His COMMAND to the apostles – Cf. - Luke 24:49; John 14:16-17 (Gr. En), 26; 15:26-27; 16:7-14; Acts2:38-39; 11:15 -18 (Gentiles – house of Cornelius)

v. 5 “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” - By His CONTRAST of this to the baptism of John – cf - Matthew 3:11-12

References to Spirit baptism:

Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5; Mark 1:8; Acts 11:16; Luke 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13 - (only one that does not contrast with John’s baptism); John 1:33

Water Baptism: The water doesn’t baptize you, somebody has to come along and baptize you—the water is only the agency.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Jesus is the baptizer, the agency is the Holy Spirit, a parallel to water in the baptism of John the Baptist, places you in the realm of the Holy Spirit.

“OUR GREAT NEED” - *Acts 1:4-11*

Summarized by four things in this paragraph:

Acts 1:8 - “OUR GREAT NEED”

Vs. 4-5: TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S PRESENCE AND POWER IN OUR LIVES –

Vs. 6-7: TO TRUST GOD’S PLAN FOR RESTORING THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL –

V. 8: TO FULFILL GOD’S PURPOSE FOR BELIEVERS IN THIS PRESENT AGE —

Vs. 9-11 TO BELIEVE GOD’S PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE AND GET ON WITH HIS PURPOSE -

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“OUR GREAT NEED” – VS. 6-7 - **TO TRUST GOD’S PLAN FOR RESTORING THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL** –

Act 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Act 1:7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

Act 1:8 But

“OUR GREAT NEED” – V. 8 - **TO FULFILL GOD’S PURPOSE FOR BELIEVERS IN THIS PRESENT AGE** –

you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon (Gr.- Epee) you; and you shall be witnesses to Me

in Jerusalem,

and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the end of the earth."

INTERPRETATION

TO TRUST GOD’S PLAN FOR RESTORING THE KINGDOM TO ISRAEL – Acts 1:6-7

v. 6 “when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Our natural tendency is to want to know “when” it will happen – “prophetic curiosity”

“restore” – to a former state – used of parts of the body restored to health and of a man cured of blindness – restoration of a disturbed order of events.

Act 1:8 “But” - “alla” – great contrast

TO FULFILL GOD’S PURPOSE FOR BELIEVERS IN THIS PRESENT AGE – Acts 1:8 -

The POWER of the Holy Spirit was and is essential in order to fulfill this great purpose! – cf. - Acts 4:31, 33; Matthew 10:16-20; Luke 12:12

v. 8 “you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me you shall be witnesses to Me” - The PROMISE was and is being fulfilled!!

The PLAN was and is being accomplished the book of Acts is organized around this strategy

v. 8 “In Jerusalem” - Acts chapters 1-7

v. 8 and in all Judea and Samaria, - Act 8: 1, 14-18

v. 8 and to the end of the earth." - Acts 10:19-28

APPLICATION

This represents that although this is a good question—it’s not for us to know the time ore the seasons – but we need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives!!

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“OUR GREAT NEED” – VS. 9-11 - TO BELIEVE GOD’S PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE AND GET ON WITH HIS PURPOSE

Act 1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up,

and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Act 1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

Act 1:11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same

Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,

will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

INTERPRETATION

TO BELIEVE GOD’S PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE AND GET ON WITH HIS PURPOSE – Acts 1:9-11

v. 9 “while they watched,” - It was visible to all! – cf. - Revelation 1:7

v. 9 “a cloud received Him out of their sight.” A cloud received Him – cf - Revelations 1:7

*v. 10 - while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up
Seems to indicate the Jesus ascended slowly.*

v. 11 "Men of Galilee,” – Judas was no longer a part (Judean) “in like manner”

v. 11 “Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,” - Jesus left from the Mt of Olives – cf - Acts 1:12; Zechariah 14:4

v. 11 “will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” - He went to heaven – He’ll return from heaven – Philippians 3:20; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Titus 2:11-14

We need to be busy about His business!

What is your commitment?

What is your priority?

APPLICATION

Questions:

1 Define the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Does the Bible teach that one can be baptized by the Holy Spirit? i.e. does the Holy Spirit baptize you? Anybody? (John 1:33)

2 When do you think the 12 apostles were saved?

3 Is it more accurate to ask, “When were you baptized by the Holy Spirit?” or “Are you baptized by the Holy Spirit?” Why?

4 How many places are references to the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” mentioned? Of these times, how many include the comparison to John’s baptism, as is done in Acts. 1:4-5?

5 What is the primary purposes of the Holy Spirit abiding in you? (John 15:26; 16:14)

6 Prior to the Day of Pentecost was anybody truly saved?

7 How important to you is the fulfillment of the Promise spoken of in today’s study? What is that promise?

8 Do you think you can fully live the Christian life without the power of the Holy Spirit?

9 What are some of the ways we are more fortunate, spiritually speaking than the OT saints? Than the twelve apostles during the three years they were with the Lord?