

## INTRODUCTION

- \* As we have considered the beginning of the book of Acts, we saw Christ's command for the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in order that they would be witnesses on His behalf in Jerusalem, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world.
- \* The apostles obeyed and gathered together in an upper room (1:13) in Jerusalem and spent time in prayer. This is probably the same "upper room" where Jesus had celebrated the "Last Supper" with them (Luke 22:12). Now, they were waiting ... and ten days later it was the Feast of Weeks, which we refer to as Pentecost (literally, the Greek - "fifty") because it was 50 days from the Feast of First Fruits.
- \* There is a debate where the apostles are when the miracle of the coming of the Holy Spirit occurs. Some believe it is the house of the upper room; some believe that it is the Temple. My thought is that it probably begins at the house of the upper room and transitions to Solomon's porch (which is the southern entrance to the Temple - the House of God) where the mikvehs (Temple Baptistries) were located.
- \* But, throughout history many teachings of the ministry of the Holy Spirit have been focused upon what occurred at this moment. Lord willing, we will be spending the next four weeks on this chapter. This week we want to consider the concept of "The Filling of the Holy Spirit" and next week we will consider the Biblical understanding of "Speaking in Tongues." After that we will consider the relationship between salvation and baptism, and then finally the practice of the early church.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE SCRIPTURES

#### A. Matthew 3:11 ... THE B\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### B. John 14:15-17; 14:25-26; 15:26-27; 16:5-15

1. THE C\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
2. THE M\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### C. John 20:21-22; Luke 24:46-51; Acts 1:8

1. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS I\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5)
2. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS E\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He SHALL Clothe Them with Power (cf. *Matthew 6:25; 22:11; 27:31; Mark 1:6; 6:9; 15:17; 15:20; Luke 12:22; 15:22; 24:49; Acts 12:21; Romans 13:12; 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:53-54; 2 Corinthians 5:3; Galatians 3:27; Eph 4:24; 6:11; 6:14; Colossians 3:10; 3:12; 1Thess 5:8; Revelation 1:13; 15:6; 19:14*)
  - b. He SHALL Come Upon Them with Power (*Luke 1:35; 11:22; 21:26; 21:35; Acts 8:24; 13:40; 14:19; Eph 2:7; James 5:1*)

#### D. Acts 2:1-4

1. THE LOCAL CONTEXT
2. THE SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT (cf. Luke 1:15; 1:41-45; 1:67-79; Acts 4:5-12; 4:23-31; 6:3-7; 9:17-20; 11:22-24; 13:8-12)

#### E. Acts 2:16-21; 2:32-33 (cf. Acts 10:44-48; Titus 3:5-6)

### II. THE SYNOPSIS

#### A. The P\_\_\_\_\_ I\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 6:19; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Tim 1:14)

#### B. The T\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit (cf. Hebrews 2:1-4; Mark 12:36; 2 Samuel 23:1-2; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* Is your belief in the ministry of the Holy Spirit based upon your experience, the experience of others, or the Word of God?
- \* Have you received the gift of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Is there evidence in your life that He is indwelling you?
- \* Have you trusted in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ? It is THE prerequisite to the indwelling.
- \* The empowerment, clothing, or pouring out of the Holy Spirit was generally in connection to individuals being set apart in prayer ... or prayer and fasting ... from man's perspective, what are you doing to make yourself available?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think ... and, therefore, the way you act?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* How can we, as an assembly, better prepare ourselves for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to be used to boldly proclaim His message of redemption in our community?