

June 20, 2021
*Holy Spirit is a promise
for Christ followers*



Key Scriptures

Act 1:3 *To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.*

Luk 24:49 *"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

Mat 3:11 *"As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Act 1:4-8 *Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria."*

Act 2:38 *Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

1Th 5:23 *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Act 1:8 *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

Joh 14:16-17 *"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; (17) that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*

The Big Point:

God is to be the center of our lives. The problem is that we learn to live without Him. We construct truth based on what we think instead of what God has declared to be true. In this day and hour we are living in a post-truth age where people's opinions are more important than God's truth. We need the Holy Ghost so we can live in God's truth and peace.

Important points from the message:

- We need the power of the Spirit in this life.
- John the Baptist Christ and the Apostles want you to have the power of the Spirit.
- Holy Spirit is a promise for Christ followers.
- The Baptism in the Holy Ghost is what the Apostles taught.

Important quote:

- *We are living in a post-truth age where truth is being established based on what people agree on. We need to be filled with the Spirit so we can walk in God's truth.*
- *We need to fulfill God's purposes with His power.*
- *We are all searching for the freedom God gives through our purpose.*
- *There are lots of good ideas, that does not make them God ideas.*
- *When we walk with Jesus his true fire both empowers and purifies.*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- What is the story of how the fog lifted from your life? (When you met Jesus.) Have you been focusing on the problems or on how big God is?
- How is your life different with the Holy Ghost than without Him?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- How does a God idea look different than a good idea?
- Have you experienced God's power without His purification? How did you escape this strange fire?
- How is God calling you to be Jesus to the people you are in contact with?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Approach God with an open hand in prayer throughout the week.
- Pray in the Spirit.