

The Acts of the Holy Spirit: A Review of Acts 1 & 2

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- **There is a second or subsequent work of the Holy Spirit in a believers life**

When does the Holy Spirit initially come into our heart? When we put our faith in Christ. John 20:21-22

- **The Assignment (The Great Commission)**

This Divine Assignment makes the Baptism of the Holy Spirit an absolute necessity!

"and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." **(Luke 24:47–48)**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:19–20**

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." **(Mark 16:15)**

- **The Impossibility Factor** (11 men called to conquer the world)

If we fail to recognize the impossibility of the request we will attempt to accomplish it in our own strength and stop short of truly seeking a deeper and more significant work of the Holy Spirit! An IMPOSSIBLE assignment requires Supernatural power to accomplished.

Jesus purposely gave them a humanly impossible task to bring them to the end of themselves (their natural strength) so they would recognize their need and allow God to take over!

If we fail to take personal responsibility for the great commission, we will more than likely be indifferent or careless about the work of the Holy Spirit in our our lives!

- **The Clothing & Equipment for the Assignment**

"John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized (immersed)** with the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **(Acts 1:5–8)**

- **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is a real person with a personality (Not just a spiritual Influence or power)

The Holy Spirit is God not an IT!

"However, when **He**, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide** you into all truth; for He will not **speak** on His own authority, but whatever He hears **He will speak;** and He will tell you things to

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come.” (**John 16:13**)

HE not IT... He guides, He speaks, He hears, He will tell things to come!

Jesus ALWAYS referred to the Holy Spirit as “HE” and not as “IT”.

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God” (**Ephesians 4:30**)

- Are you Baptized with the Holy Spirit?

“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized** with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” (**Acts 1:5**)

Immersed / engulfed in the ocean of God’s love, kindness, compassion and Power...

- The Holy Spirit is like FIRE!

“And **suddenly** there came a sound from heaven, as of a **rushing mighty wind**, and it **filled** the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.” (**Acts 2:2–3**)

“Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;” (**1 Thessalonians 5:19 AMP**)

A Fire usually gets bigger or smaller - Its difficult to control or maintain the size of a fire.

- The Purpose of Waiting: Emptying & Preparation

A full hand or arms can NOT embrace the fullness of the Spirit... The waiting time is an emptying time to prepare us to be filled!

“And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (**Luke 24:49**)

“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;” (**Acts 1:4**)

- Don’t get Distracted... Being baptized with the Spirit is our Priority!

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- Unity & Agreement

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."
(Acts 2:1)

- Suddenly, Wind (Unseen Force & Power) filled the House

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:2)

The Suddenly that follows the Waiting - The Power and Purpose of the Emphatic Pause!

"Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them."
Acts 2:3)

The biblical pattern reveals that this baptism/filling to overflow involves the Holy Spirit taking complete and absolute control of us... Some intuitively understand this and pause and consider what this means, counting the cost before they surrender fully to the flow and fullness of the Holy Spirit... This is why for some the waiting process is so critical to them grasping the faith promise of the Father... Most people after putting their faith in Christ for saving faith and salvation invite Christ to live in their heart and thus see themselves as a carrier of the Holy Spirit, still being in charge of their choices and preferences... But when we are baptized or immersed into the heart, passions and power of God the Holy Spirit, we are the ones being carried and controlled as He wills!