

Celebrating Easter At Home

That Special 50th Day

Acts 1:1

- In the book of Luke, he talks about what Jesus began to **do** and **teach**.

In the book of Acts, Luke will tell **other** things Jesus did.

Acts 1:2-8

- Acts chapter 1 is a **transition** chapter in the Bible
 1. In my opinion, there is not a more important **season** that took place recorded here in the book of Acts.

The book of Acts **ends** the gospels.

- We have taught what happened that **Sunday**
- We discussed the work of Christ in those **three** special days.

Luke is beginning to tell us what happened after all this.

- * The gospels end with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
 2. And Acts begins to talk about and introduces the account of the **birth** of the church and its **growth** through the Apostles.
 - There was a transfer of **ownership** that is taking place.
 - There also is a tremendous change of **thinking** that took place here.

3. He is preparing us for the Holy Spirit not just to come, but to dwell **with** us and **in** us.

Their thought was: how are we supposed to do what He told us to do without Him?

- How are we going to preach the kingdom of God to all nations and make disciples?
- How are we going to preach repentance to the ends of the earth?
- How are we going to heal the sick and raise the dead?

Here is my question to you: How are we going to do this without Him here?

Answer to all these questions: through the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

4. Jesus was telling us the answer when He was **preparing** them to receive the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

* It is through a **dependence** and a **relationship** with the Holy Spirit.

So here it is - We must regarding the Holy Spirit:

- Learn **who** He is
- Learn **how** to hear Him
- Learn to **understand** and **discern** His presence and His desires and what He, the Holy Spirit **wants** to do.

Luke 24:46-49

- Jesus told them to **wait**
- What's amazing is the disciples and a total of 120 did what He said – they **waited** – 7 days: **Pentecost**

Here is my point:

5. The 120 went into the upper room **totally incapable** of doing what Jesus left them there to do.

But...

6. They came out of that room **absolutely capable** of doing everything the Lord left them to do.

Let me show you in my simple way, what happened to the 120 on the 50th day after the crucifixion – **Pentecost**.

7. Anytime you don't put your trust and hope in the Holy Spirit, you put your trust and hope in **something else**.

We need to focus in on our hope is in the **power** and **leading** of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said: It is important that I go away – why – because another like Me will come, but He no longer will be with you, He will be in you (**the Holy Spirit**)

That was the introduction – now a question: Why be **filled** with the Holy Spirit?

- A. So we can **think** the way **God** thinks or **think** as God **thinks**.

Isaiah 55:9

- What happened on that 50th day after the crucifixion: 120 people began to think **God's** thoughts.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16

Why do you need to think the thoughts of God?

- Have you ever said or thought: that's **impossible**

Ever wonder if God wakes up one morning (He never sleeps nor slumbers) and says: that's **impossible!**

- The thought: that's **impossible** has never entered the mind of **God**.

Matthew 19:26

All things are possible with God.

8. I believe God wants us to think His thoughts in this area instead of our own through the agency (**power**) of the Holy Spirit there is nothing impossible with God in me.

This becomes the **basis** of our faith: **nothing** is impossible in our lives.

This is a new meaning to how to have the faith of God – **think** like Him.

9. What happens is your mind begins to **change**; you see things **differently** and you don't judge everything after the **natural**, and see in the **spiritual**, and begin to pray the thoughts of God because now they're **your** thoughts.

Zechariah 4:6

Here is the second thing – or reason to be baptized in the Holy Spirit:

- B. So we can **feel** what God **feels**.

The most descriptive verse of who God is, is found in 1 John 4:7-8:

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Because God is **love** (doesn't say He is lovely or loves), it says He is **love**.

It is only by the Holy Spirit and His power that you are able to love as **God** loves.

10. It is **supernaturally** imposed upon us by the Holy Spirit and to feel as God feels.

How in the world are we going to reach the lost we don't even know without the **love** of God and **feel** what God feels toward them "for God so loved the world"?

11. He changed them from **self-centeredness** into people who are passionately in love with God which gives them great passion and love for **human beings**.

Here is the third reason to be baptized in the Holy Spirit:

C. So we can **want** what He **wants**.

The Holy Spirit will change your **wanter**.

Matter of fact (my opinion): some of us may have a problem with our **wanter**.

- There is a huge difference between our **wanter** and our **needier** 😊

12. What an incredible way to live to always want what **God** wants – to be free from everything else except for what God **wants**.

Our emotions – are wrapped up in things and stuff that don't get you **anywhere** - It will change if you only want what **God** wants.

Psalm 37:4

- God will give you what you want but through the Holy Spirit, He changes your **wanter**, showing you what **He** wants you to want.

Everything you want is His **will** because of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Definition of doing the will of God:

- Want what **He** wants and do anything you want to ☺ - because you have His **thoughts**

Let me give you number 4:

- You **think** what He **thinks**
- You **feel** what He **feels**
- You **want** what He **wants**

D. So we can **do** what God **does**.

Philippians 3:3

Have no confidence in the **flesh** and live and do life by and through the **Spirit** of God.

Let me read Acts 2:14-17:

Acts 2:14-17