



## ***WAITING IN EXPECTATION OF THE HOLY GHOST***

### **ACTS 1**

*1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*

*2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

*3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

*4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

*5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

*7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

*8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

*9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

*10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

*11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

*12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.*

*13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.*

*14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*

## **JOHN THE BAPTIST SETS EXPECTATIONS THAT SOMETHING BETTER IS COMING**

*Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you in water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal straps I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:15-16).*

**EXPECTATION:** The act or state of looking forward to an event as about to happen. That which is expected or looked for, the prospect of the future; grounds upon which something excellent is expected to happen; prospect of anything good to come.

### **PEOPLE IN EXPECTATION**

One translation says that: "The people were on their tip-toes in anticipation and expectation." We need to understand that if God is going to do something, He looks for people who have expectation, i.e., those on their tiptoes and expecting God to do the impossible. For this to happen, we need to expect miracles and expect an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is

poured out when God's people are living in expectation.

Colossians 2:14 says that "He blotted out the ordinance against us, He took it out of the way, and nailed it to the cross." Why is this important? Because there is nothing that stands between you and your miracle. It is time for you to be on your tiptoes and expect the goodness of God, believing He is ready to do a miracle at any place and any time. Expect it!

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to you, to empower you in this life. John the Baptist said, "And He (Jesus) shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire."

## **JESUS SETS EXPECTATIONS THAT IF THE DISCIPLES CAN WAIT, SOMETHING GREAT IS ON THE WAY.....HOLY GHOST POWER!**

ACTS 1:8 'But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

**The Holy Spirit wants to:**

- 1. Invade you** - invasion is a military term for warfare. The Holy Spirit wants to conquer you internally.  
“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life (Proverbs 4:23).
  
- 2. Envelop you** - As a letter is put in an envelope and sealed, you are enveloped in the Holy Spirit, sealed, preventing uncleanness to touch you-protecting you along your journey.  
a. “You are sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise” (Ephesians 1:13)
  
- 3. Instruct you** - wanting to teach you all things.  
a. "But the Helper, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance that I have said to you” (John 14:26).
  
- 4. Impress you** - bring impressions upon you, of what we are to do.  
a. “But I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead” (Philippians 3:13).

- 5. Indwell you** - indwell your body as His temple.  
a. “Whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall become a fountain of water, springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14).

**THE POWER OF ONE ACCORD IS THAT:**

- 1. EVERYONE BELIEVED THE PROMISE.**
- 2. THEY WERE UNIFIED WHILE THEY WAITED.**
- 3. THEY STUCK TOGETHER, BELIEVING THAT THE PROMISE WAS COMING SOON.**

**EXPECTATION:**

*Connection Questions:*

1. Are their issues in your life that desperately need to change? What would be different about you if you were to live the next 7 days with great expectation for that issue(s)?
2. Do you wake up each morning with expectation about the day or drag around hopeless, not expecting anything good to happen to you?
3. Do you expect to receive “all” things He has for you, according to John 14:26?