

ACTS 1:1-8

The Charge to Wait

- ¹ The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- ² until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.
- 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.
- ⁴ 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."
- ⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"
- ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;
- 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."

ACTS 1:12-14

The Upper Room

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ When they had entered the city, **they went up to the upper room** where they were staying; that is, **Peter and** John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴ These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

ACTS 2:1-12

The Promise Arrives

- ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- ⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.
- ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.
- ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
- ⁸ And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?
- ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."
- ¹² And they all continued in amazement...

MOSES' TABERNACLE

(Ex. 40:34–35)

First manifestation of glory

"The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle."

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Second manifestation of glory

"The house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for **the glory of the Lord filled the house** of God."

(2 Chr. 5:13-14)

CHURCH IS THE NEW TEMPLE

Third manifestation of glory

1 Pet. 2:5 - "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house."

Eph. 2:19-22 - "You are fellow citizens with the saints... growing into a **holy temple** in the Lord, being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

1 Cor. 6:19 - "Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

ACTS OF THE PEOPLE

- What the people become through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is so powerful.
 - 1 Committed to community (Acts 2:42).
 - 2 Zeal (Acts 2:46; 4:32).
 - 3 Huge giving (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-35).
 - 4 Hunger for word of God and bible literacy (Acts 2:42).
 - 5 Hunger for prayer (Acts 2:42).
 - 6 Love for the poor (Acts 6:1).
 - 7 Outreach (Acts 2:41; 5:14).

Luke 1:36-45

Jesus loves to baptize us in the Holy Spirit!

Mary visits Elizabeth when they are both pregnant

³⁶ Your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month ³⁹ Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women... ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Joy is the highest currency of heaven.

Rom. 14:17 "For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Joy is what Jesus had more than anyone.

<u>Ps. 45:7</u> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy above Your fellows.

AIMING AT JOY Joy is what we need in the house.

Acts 2:46 - Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart.

Joy changes our resting face.

Prov. 15:13 - "A joyful heart makes a cheerful face."

Joy is what we need for our journey.

Heb. 12:2 - "Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross."

Joy is God's provision for all nations, all races

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IT'S EASY TO RECEIVE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- 1 It comes from Jesus (Lk 3:16).
- 2 Go to your upper room.
- 3 Wait expectedly for it.
- 4 Pray in tongues of joy!