

ACTS 1

1. What did Jesus do during the forty days after His resurrection?

-He did many things to prove that He rose from the dead.
-He taught His eleven apostles about the kingdom of God.

2. What very important promise did Jesus give?

-That He would baptize all of His children with the Holy Spirit.

3. After Jesus returned to heaven and baptized believers with the Holy Spirit, how would the Holy Spirit be different in the lives of the believers?

-The Holy Spirit would not only be WITH them, but He would also be IN them, and He would never leave them.

4. What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would help believers to do?

-To witness about the Lord Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the whole world.

5. What did the angels tell the apostles after Jesus returned to heaven?

-That Jesus would return to earth in the same way as He went into Heaven.

6. What will happen before Jesus returns to earth to judge all who do not believe in Him?

-He will take all of His children to be with Him in heaven.

-What did all the believers do after Jesus returned to heaven?

Let's read Acts 1:12-14

12-Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.

13-When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

14-They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

-The believers returned to Jerusalem and waited for Jesus to baptize them with the Holy Spirit.

-While they waited, the believers prayed together continually.

-On the day of Pentecost, the apostles and all the believers were together in one place.

Let's read Acts 2:1

1-When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

-What was the day of Pentecost?

-The day of Pentecost was the day on which the Feast of Pentecost was held—a feast which God had given to the Jews.

-The Feast of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover, and was a feast of the first harvest

-What happened on the day of Pentecost?

Let's read Acts 2:2-3

2-Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3-They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

-Just as the Lord Jesus promised, He baptized all of His children with the Holy Spirit.

-How were the believers baptized with the Holy Spirit?

-Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven to come into the hearts and lives of the believers.

-Do you remember that before Jesus was crucified, He promised to send Someone to be with us forever?

Let's read John 14:16-17

16-[Jesus said] “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-

17-the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

-Jesus kept His promise, and sent the Holy Spirit to live in His disciples.

-What was the first house of God here on earth?

-The tabernacle which God told Moses to build.

-After the tabernacle was built, the glory of God filled the tabernacle, teaching us that God was living with people on earth.

-When the Israelites moved into the land of Canaan, Solomon built the temple.

-After the temple was built, the glory of God filled the temple, teaching us that God was living with people on earth.

-Although the temple that Solomon built was destroyed

by the Babylonians, a second temple was built.

-When Jesus walked on earth, this second temple was where the glory of God lived.

-When Jesus died and called out, "It is finished," God ripped the curtain in the temple from top to bottom.

-God ripped the curtain to teach us that Christ's death had opened the way to God.

-God also ripped the curtain to teach us that God will no longer live in buildings of wood or stone, but rather in those who believe in Christ.

-Where does the Holy Spirit live today?

-He lives in everyone who believes in Christ.

-Today, believers in Christ are God's house on earth.

-Today, believers in Christ are God's temple on earth.

-Do Christians today need to wait to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

-No.

-If you believe that Jesus has saved you from your sin, then the Holy Spirit has already come to live in you.

-God's house is also called the Church.

-The Church is not a building, but rather the gathering of

believers in Christ.

-The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ began on this day of Pentecost.

-And if you believe in Jesus, you are members of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's read Acts 2:4a

4a-All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit

-All of the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.

-What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

-It means to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

-Jesus wants us to allow the Holy Spirit to control us so that we can live a life with God Himself.

-If we allow the Holy Spirit to control us, how will this help us?

-The Holy Spirit will help us to obey God.

The Holy Spirit will help us to understand God and His Word.

-The Holy Spirit will help us to live and witness for Jesus.

-The Holy Spirit has also come to join all believers to Christ.

-The Holy Spirit has also come to unite all believers together.

-We will learn more about the Holy Spirit as we study more of God's Word.

-When the believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit, He helped them to speak languages they had never learned.

Let's read Acts 2:4b

4b-And [the disciples] began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

-The disciples did not speak these languages at the same time, but "as the Spirit enabled them."

-The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to speak these languages as He wanted them to.

-Why did the Holy Spirit enable the believers to speak the languages of other people?

Let's read Acts 2:5-11

5-Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

6-When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

7-Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"

8-Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

9-Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10-Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

11-(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

-Do you remember that God punished the Jews by exiling them to Assyria and Babylon?

-Even though some Jews returned to Israel, some Jews stayed in Assyria and Babylon and learned their languages.

-When the Greeks and the Romans conquered Israel, some Jews went to live in other countries.

-These Jews learned the languages of the new countries in which they lived.

-However, when there was a special feast like Passover or Pentecost, these Jews traveled back to Jerusalem to go

to the temple.

-Jesus had told the apostles that the Holy Spirit would help them to witness to the world about Jesus.

Let's read Acts 1:8

8-[Jesus said] "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-The Holy Spirit enabled all the believers to speak in the languages of these different Jews who were visiting Jerusalem.

Let's read Acts 2:7 & 12

7-Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"

12-Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

-What did the people think when they heard the Word of God in their own languages?

-They were amazed.

-They could not understand how these believers who were from Galilee could speak their languages.

Let's read Acts 2:13

13-Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

-Although the Jews from other countries were amazed, what did the Jews in Jerusalem think?

-They thought that the believers were drunk.

-Before the Holy Spirit came to live in the believers, they hid in fear of being arrested and killed.

-But now that the Holy Spirit had come, the believers no longer had fear.

-Under the control of the Holy Spirit, Peter fearlessly began to teach the people.

Let's read Acts 2:14-15

14-Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

15-These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

-Were the believers drunk?

-No.

-Peter said that they were not drunk as it was only nine in the morning.

-Then, Peter spoke of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's read Acts 2:22-23

22-"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

23-This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

-To show that He was the Savior sent by God, Jesus had healed many sick people.

-To show that He was the Savior sent by God, Jesus had done many miracles.

-Yet, did most of the Jews believe that Jesus was the Savior sent by God?

-No.

-Peter then told the Jews that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

Let's read Acts 2:24

24-[Peter said] "But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."

-Why was it impossible for death to keep its hold on Jesus?

-Because Jesus is more powerful than death.

-Because Jesus' sacrifice for all of our sins was fully accepted by God the Father.

-If Jesus' sacrifice for our sins was not enough to satisfy God the Father, then He would not have been raised from the dead.

-Then, Peter spoke of our witness as believers in Christ:

Let's read Acts 2:32

32-[Peter said] "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact."

-Peter and the other disciples were doing that which Jesus said that they would do when the Holy Spirit came to live in them.

-They were witnessing under the control of the Holy Spirit.

-Did Jesus show Himself to unbelievers after He rose from the dead?

-No.

-But He showed Himself to His disciples so that they could be His witnesses.

-The Holy Spirit through us who believe in Christ also wants to tell people of their sinfulness.

-The Holy Spirit through us who believe in Christ also wants to tell people of Jesus' salvation.

Let's read Acts 2:33

33-[Peter said] "Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."

-What did Peter say was the evidence that Jesus was now sitting at the Father's right hand as Lord of heaven and earth?

-That the Holy Spirit had come to live in the lives of those who believe in Christ.

Let's read Acts 2:36

36-[Peter said] "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified,

both Lord and Christ."

-Peter said that they should acknowledge that Jesus is their Lord and Christ.

-Why did Peter say that Jesus is the Christ?

-Because Jesus is the greatest Prophet of God.

-Because Jesus is the greatest High Priest.

-Because Jesus is the greatest King.

-How is Jesus the greatest Prophet of God?

-Jesus is the Truth.

-Jesus spoke the truth, God's words.

-Jesus showed us what God is really like.

-How is Jesus the greatest High Priest?

-The high priests offered the blood of animals which could not take away sin, but Jesus offered His own blood which completely paid for our sin.

-The high priests could only continue as priest until they died, but Jesus will never die.

-The high priests could only enter God's presence once a year, but Jesus has opened for us the way into God's presence forever.

-How is Jesus the greatest King?

- Jesus is seated at God's right hand.
- Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth.
- Jesus is King of all kings.

-We should obey Jesus in everything because He is our Lord.

-Many who listened to Peter realized they had sinned by rejecting and crucifying Jesus.

-Who convinced these people that Jesus was the Son of God and the promised Savior?

-The Holy Spirit.

-Do you remember what Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would do when He came?

-He would show people their sin in rejecting Jesus.

-He would show people the righteousness of Jesus and their unrighteousness.

-He would show people God's judgment on all who follow Satan.

-Many who heard Peter agreed with his teaching, so they asked Peter what they should do.

Let's read Acts 2:37-40

37-When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38-Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39-The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40-With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

-What did many Jews do when they understood that they were sinners and believed in Jesus as their Savior?

Let's read Acts 2:41

41-Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

-For the many Jews who understood that they were sinners and believed in Jesus as their Savior:

-They were baptized.

-We will learn more about baptism in our next lesson.