

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- The apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2
  - Promised to the twelve – Acts 1:1-5
  - Would happen in Jerusalem – Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8
  - Would come with power – Acts 1:8
  - Came with power on day of Pentecost in Jerusalem – Acts 2:1-4, 6, 11, 43
    - Seen and heard by others, not better felt than told

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- ◎ The fulfilment of the promise of the Comforter was the baptism of the Holy Spirit
  - John 15:26-27
    - When?
      - John 16:5-7
  - Luke 24:49 ... Acts 1:4-5
  - Acts 1:8
    - When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they would have power and they would be witnesses
      - This is what Jesus had promised them, John 14-16, Matthew 10:19
      - Consider the change when comparing Acts 1:6-7 to Acts 2:14ff

# The apostles were given power to impart miraculous, spiritual gifts

- Acts 8:14-19
- Acts 19:1-6
- 2 Timothy 1:6
- Romans 1:11
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

# The Holy Spirit revealed truth to the apostles and confirmed it

- ◎ The Holy Spirit revealed the gospel to the apostles and prophets – Ephesians 3:17
- ◎ The things the apostles spoke were in words which the Holy Spirit teaches – 1 Corinthians 2:6-13
  - “combining spiritual things with spiritual words” (ASV, v.13)
- ◎ The apostles’ teaching and testimony were miraculously confirmed – Mark 16:17-20; Hebrews 2:1-4

# The apostles were ambassadors for Christ

- ◎ An ambassador is an official representative of another – 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 6:20
  - Acts in the stead of another (2 Corinthians 5:20)
  - Speaks for another (5:20)
  - Must speak as he ought and is not at liberty to speak whatever he will (Ephesians 6:20)
- ◎ The apostles were official ambassadors of Christ
  - As official ambassadors of Christ, they were given adequate proof of their authority
    - Acts 2:1-5; Luke 24:49
    - Acts 2:42-43
    - 2 Corinthians 12:12
    - Acts 8:17; 19:6

- ⦿ Jesus made a special promise of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, not to all men. This includes the promise of being guided into all truth, being given words to speak, being able to declare things to come, and being given power to bear witness of Christ with confirming signs.
- ⦿ The fulfillment of those promises began with power when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.
- ⦿ Scripture written by the apostles came from God, 2 Timothy 3:16-17