

Holy Spirit, the Promise of the Father
Luke 24:44-49

V44) Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures (46) He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, (47) and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (48) YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS. (49) I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Living an empowered life is one of the most precious possession to have and enjoy. But, we need the Holy Spirit to just do that. The Scriptures say, “without me you can do nothing.” But, with me, “you can do anything.” Jesus appeared to his disciples in several occasions immediately after he came back to life. He fellowshiped with His disciples in flesh and blood after he raised from the dead. When His time on earth was up, He met with His disciples:

1. To prove to His disciples that everything that was written about Him by the prophets were all true!

(v48) “You are witnesses of these things...

2. And to remind them of the most important promise of the Father. This promise is important for them to receive, because without receiving this promise, they would be powerless.

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Dunamis has various usage in the NT language, the most prominent among them refers to miraculous power, ‘power in action’ as in performing miracles. It is sometimes used of the miracle or the sign itself.

What is this promise? The promise of the Father is the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead (Joel 2:28-29).

The Holy Spirit, like Yahweh (Father), and Jesus (Son) is a Person. He’s not a force or an influence. He is a Person; a real person with an intellect, emotion, and will.

1 Cor. 2:10 “for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.”

Eph. 4:30 – “do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

In the Godhead, the Holy Spirit is the one we are warned not to hurt and offend.

1 Cor. 12:11 – “the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

In Acts 1:4-5 (NIV) “On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For **John baptized with water**, but in a few days, **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**

Jesus draws a clear distinction between water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism. While some believe that water baptism and Spirit-baptism are the same, as Pentecostals, we believe, based from Scriptures that they are two separate events/experience in the life of a believer.

Water baptism is baptism relating to repentance and our salvation experience. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a valid spiritual experience characterized by the Spirit’s coming upon the believer to immerse the individual in His anointing power, to turn the person into a useful witness for Christ. It is unique and independent of the salvation experience, but it is subsequent to regeneration. This is what Jesus meant that His disciples must wait to happen before they can embark on a miracle-working assignment!

GOD WANTED THAT WE DO nothing in the flesh. Without the power of Holy Spirit, we are powerless. We cannot do anything. Everything we know won’t get us far. Know the Spirit by knowing Jesus. See Him the same way you see Jesus and the Father, together they are one.