

INTRODUCTION

This is part 4 in our series on the Holy Spirit and the promise, person, presence and power of Him. This time more on His power. Since the Holy Spirit is the main character of Acts, we needed to be introduced to Him but get well acquainted with Him. You would think that after 3 years of investment, hands on training. The best discipleship anyone can get - that'd be it. You would expect to go right from verse 3 "Ok, that's it," "That's everything you need." Then to verse 9 his ascension. But he doesn't. He tells them to wait, and they will for another 7-10 days.

WITH, IN, AND UPON

See **John 14:17**, here the H.S. is said to dwell "in" and "upon" a person. The scripture is very clean on this, the spirit resides as an internal influence. Read also **Ephesians 1:13, 14**. This verse speaks of being sealed by the H.S. of promise. There is zero doubt that the disciples here in Acts 1 were born again. The question is when did this happen? It is very simple, the moment that they believed. Take a look at **John 20:21, 22**. Now let's discuss "upon", in verse 8 the words "upon you" are used, the disciples were waiting for the baptism of the H.S. this can take place at the time of conversion, but not always.

CONSIDER

The role of the H.S. is to conform us into the image of Christ. In order to do this we need to allow Him to have every bit of influence over our lives. With, in, and upon. Do you think the Church lacks power today? Power to resist temptation, power to be brave, power to have a consistent walk with the Lord. Why is that? The H.S. gives us the ability to do so, it is impossible to live as a Christian without the ability. Think of the great tide of temptation, and sin. Good called evil, evil called good. That means that what is evil is publicly accepted. We need power to go against the force of it. To stand in the evil day. Power to "agape", forgive, admit mistakes regularly. How do we get it? Read Luke 11, we must learn to pray.

PRAY...

*For the Holy Spirit to do His perfect work in us, and through us.

*For a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.

*And the power to live a Christian life, filled the Love of Jesus.