

## THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (CONT.)

### THE FULFILLMENT OF JESUS' PROMISE TO THE APOSTLES (ACTS 1&2)

#### WHO GOT THE POWER?

1. **JOHN 14-16: THE SAME PROMISE WAS MADE TO THE APOSTLES AS JESUS ATE WITH THEM AT THE PASSOVER MEAL (SEE LESSON 4).**
2. **ACTS 1:1-8: A SERIES OF RELATIVE PRONOUNS LINKS THE PROMISES TO THE APOSTLES WHO ARE MENTIONED IN VERSE 2.**

Acts 1:1–8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the **apostles** whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to **them** after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to **them** during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with **them** he ordered **them** not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "***you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.***"

<sup>6</sup> So when **they** had come together, **they** asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to **them**, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But ***you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.***"

3. **ACTS 1:9-11: THOSE GIVEN THE PROMISE WERE DESCRIBED BY THE "TWO MEN IN WHITE" AS "MEN OF GALILEE." THIS DESCRIPTION FITS THE APOSTLES (EXCEPT FOR JUDAS WHO WAS NOT PRESENT).**

Acts 1:9–11 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as **they** were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of **their** sight. <sup>10</sup> And while **they** were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by **them** in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "**Men of Galilee**, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**4. Acts 1:12-13: Those who were given the promise are listed by name in verse 13.**

Acts 1:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Then **they** returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> And when **they** had entered, **they** went up to the upper room, where **they** were staying, *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.*

**5. ACTS 1:26 - 2:1: APOSTLES ARE DIRECTLY REFERENCED IN THE LAST VERSE OF CHAPTER ONE, AND A PERSONAL PRONOUN IN 2:1 LINKS THE NEXT WORDS TO THE APOSTLES.**

Acts 1:26–2:1 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> And **they** cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the **eleven apostles.**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, **they** were all together in one place.

**6. ACTS 2:1-4, 14: ALL WHO RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT SPOKE IN OTHER LANGUAGES, YET ONLY TWELVE WERE SPEAKING IN VERSE 14.**

Acts 2:1–4, 14 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, **they** were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where **they** were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to **them** and rested on each one of **them.** <sup>4</sup> And **they** were *all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues* as the Spirit gave **them** utterance.

<sup>14</sup> But **Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:** "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

**OTHER ONE-TIME "CONTRACTS" THAT GOD MADE WITH INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS THROUGH HIS SPIRIT FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE:**

- Samson                                 Judges 14:6, 19; 15:14-15
- Mary                                     Matt 1:18-21 ; Luke 1:26-38
- Apostles                                 Acts 1 & 2
- First Gentiles                         Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-18
- Spiritual Gifts                         Acts 8:14-24; I Cor 12:1-11

**THE FULFILLMENT OF JESUS' PROMISE TO THE APOSTLES (ACTS 1&2)**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>John 14-16 -- The promise was made to the apostles as Jesus ate with them in the Passover meal.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Acts 1:1-8 -- A series of relative pronouns links the promise (in vs. 5 and 8) to the apostles (in v. 2).</b></li> <li>3. <b>Acts 1:9-11 shows those who were given the promise (vs. 5, 8) were "men of Galilee." This fits the apostles.</b></li> <li>4. <b>Acts 1:12-13 -- Those who received the promise (vs. 5, 8) are <u>named</u> -- they were the apostles.</b></li> <li>5. <b>Acts 2:1-4, 14 -- All who received the baptism of the Spirit spoke in other languages. Yet, only 12 men are shown speaking.</b></li> </ol>	 <p><b>WHO GOT THE POWER ?</b></p>
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**SAMSON - JUDGES 14:6, 19; 15:14-15**

**Judges 14:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and although he had nothing in his hand, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a young goat. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

**Judges 14:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In hot anger he went back to his father's house.

**Judges 15:14-15 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands. <sup>15</sup> And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men.

**MARY - MATT 1:18-21 ; LUKE 1:26-38****Matthew 1:18–21 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

**Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**APOSTLES - ACTS 1 & 2 (SEE ABOVE)****FIRST GENTILES - ACTS 10:44-48; 11:15-18****Acts 10:44–48 (ESV)**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**Acts 11:15–18 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

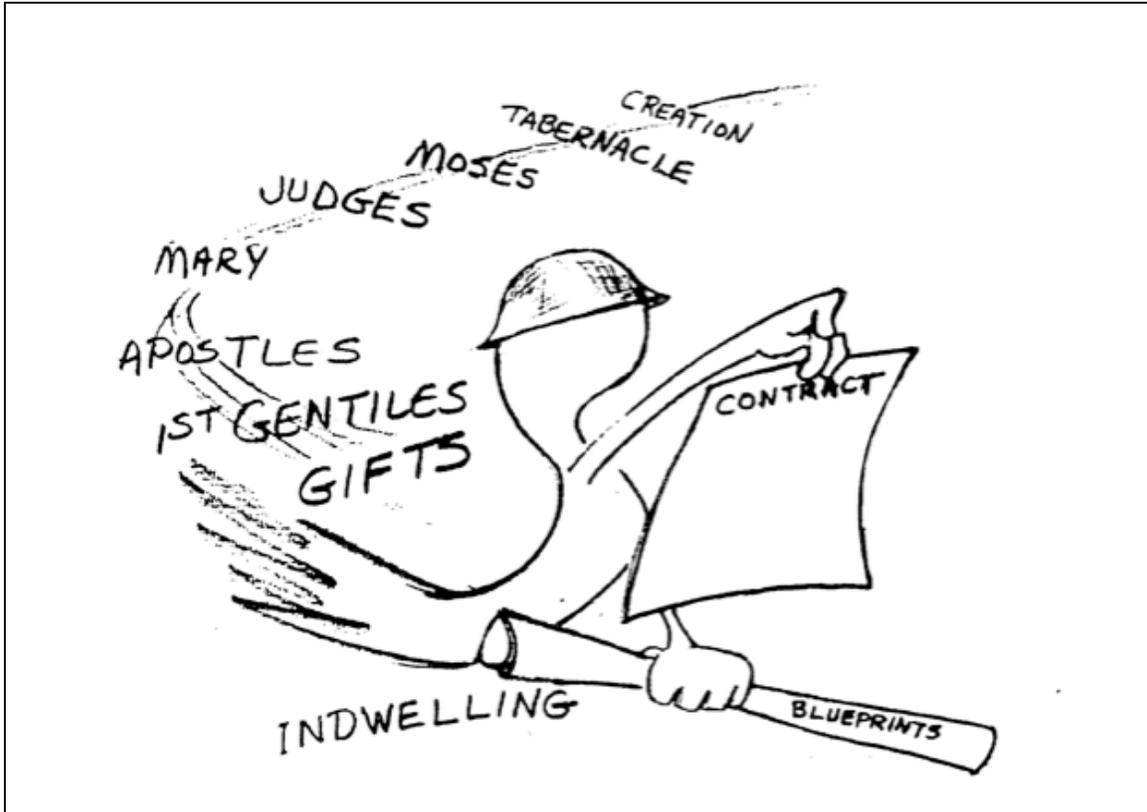
**SPIRITUAL GIFTS - ACTS 8:14-24; I COR 12:1-11****Acts 8:14–24 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, <sup>15</sup> who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” <sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity.” <sup>24</sup> And Simon answered, “Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me.”

**1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.



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