

*Last week in Acts 1:1-5, we ask the question, "are you ready?"*

- His Instruction: Don't leave
- You don't have the power
- The Gift=The Holy Spirit
- The Gift=Power of the Holy Spirit
  - Free gift that is given! Not earned!
- A Super Natural Gift (*Super Natural meaning Not of this world*)
- A gift from God
- A Gift not of this world
  - Not a gift that can be attained through this world or by any other means than God
  - Not taught or earned
- The Gift that is a Comforter, Teacher, Guide, The One that would Convict, Challenge, Burden, Guide and Direct
- I will give you a Super Natural Power to change the World through me, my Spirit and my message
- The Spirit was and is the source and power of Jesus' earthly ministry (Matt. 4:1; 12:18; Mark 1:12; Luke 3:22; 4:1, 14, 18) and of the apostles' service (Luke 24:49; John 14:16, 17; 16:7).
- He is the source of our power today

### **Today: The Kingdom Plan of God: Verses 6-8**

#### **Verse 6-7**

*6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"*

*7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know."*

#### **Verse 6 they kept asking him...**

- The apostles assumed that the earthly form of God's Kingdom of the Messiah would be established \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 19:11; 24:21).
  - The Pharisees also believed that the Messiah's triumph and Kingship would be \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
- They believed that the Messiah would come and would be a King like David a \_\_\_\_\_ like figure and overthrow \_\_\_\_\_ and establish an earthly Kingdom.

- They were looking for Him to come, \_\_\_\_\_ Rome, and set up the millennial kingdom right then and now.
- During the years of Jesus' ministry on earth, the disciples continually \_\_\_\_\_ about His Kingdom.
  - When would it come?
  - What would be their role?
- The disciples wanted Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ the Jewish people from Roman power and then become their King.
- God was inaugurating an era (called the church age) in which the kingdom would be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the rule of God in \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in the Savior (v. 21; cf. Rom. 14:17).
- The Kingdom Jesus spoke to them spoke about was a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ established in the hearts and lives of believers (Luke 17:21).
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ would " *dwell in believers*" in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
- His kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ be confined to a particular geographical location, people group or race of people.
  - It would come quietly, invisibly, and without the normal pomp and splendor associated with the arrival of a king.
- Rather, the earthly, visible manifestation of the kingdom is yet to come until His second coming (Rev. 20:1-6).

### **Why not come quickly:**

1. So \_\_\_\_\_ would have an opportunity to be part of God's Kingdom (John 3:16)
2. The plan of God (*was and is still today*) that believers come to Christ through \_\_\_\_\_
  - That people would be placed in right relationship with God through *the bridge* of the cross (Jesus sacrifice and the payment of our sins) and though the prompting of the Holy Spirit
3. The Law before the cross gave us \_\_\_\_\_ of a need for a Savior (Jesus).
  - It would take a sinless, blameless sacrifice to take the guilt, shame and pain out of our lives.

### **The Law**

- No other sacrifice could ever accomplish what the sacrifice of Christ accomplished
  - The sacrifices of the Law were made by priest but, the shame, guilt and pain of the people remained.
4. God's plan involves those that would come to know Christ through His Son (*His*

chosen people) then would be \_\_\_\_\_ to take the world throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ (Judea, Samaria and \_\_\_\_\_ (Rome, America, Europe Africa, Australia, and Asia). Jew and Gentile

5. After the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ that He would then return and set up His Kingdom on this earth (Millennial Regain) (1000 year regain of Christ)

### **Application:**

- If you want changes that God hasn't yet made, don't become impatient. Instead, trust God's timetable.

### **Verse 8**

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

### **The Power:**

- The “\_\_\_\_\_” believers receive from the Holy Spirit includes courage, boldness, confidence, insight, ability (determine right from wrong), and the authority to proclaim Jesus as King.
- The disciples **would need** all these gifts to fulfill their mission.
- The Power of Holy Spirit enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ
- The power of the Holy Spirit gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out the message and mission of Jesus Christ
- The power of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ allows others to see His Spirit within us

### **Application:**

- How do receive the power?
  - By placing your faith (life) and believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior.
  - Then you can experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

### **Be Witnesses:**

- Being a Follower of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for Him and His Kingdom!
- Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ his disciples to witness to people of all nations about him (Matthew 28:19-20).
- But they were told to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49).

### **Application:**

- God has important work for you to do for him, but you must do it by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We often like to get on with the job, even if it means running ahead of God. But waiting is sometimes part of God's plan.
- Are you waiting and listening for God's complete instructions, or are you



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