



Acts 1:4-5, 8 [NIV]

4 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. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."...8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Church: (ekklesia) [Greek]

- "called out ones"
- the called out together

Romans 8:11 [NLT]

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Called out by **SOMEONE** for **SOMETHING**.

"The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation."

- D. L. Moody

Acts 8:1b [NIV]

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

Acts 2:1-4 [NIV]

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

God doesn't provide **HIS** power for **OUR** purpose.

WHOSE power & purpose are you living in?

John 16:7 [NIV]

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.
I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

:: How would you describe, or differentiate, God as: Father, Son & Holy Spirit?

:: How do you most readily relate to God? Why?

:: How does He relate to His church?

:: Share 1 way you have seen the Holy Spirit at work in your life or someone else's.

:: Take a moment to explore what Jesus says about the role of the Holy Spirit:

:: What 2 things does He say the Spirit will do in John 14:25-26?

:: What does He say the Spirit will do in John 15:26?

:: What 3 things does Jesus say the Spirit will convict/convince the world of in John 16:8-11?

:: Based on John 16:12-15, what are 4 works the Holy Spirit will perform?

:: Pastor Shawn said, “God doesn't provide His power for our purpose.”

:: What are some practical implications about that reality?

:: What happens when we try to use/seek His power for our purpose?

:: What happens when we use/seek His power for His purpose?

:: What are some tangible ways we can daily live in the power of the Holy Spirit?

:: Identify 1 thing you can do this week to pursue His purpose by His power, & do it!

1 John 4:4b [NIV]

... the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

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