

**B**ut ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## A Big Change

Jesus said a change was about to take place—  
a **spiritual** change, **not** a **political** change.  
Acts 1:8 is about that **change**.

### Outline of Acts

Chapters 1–8 The Church starts in Jerusalem,  
Chapters 9–12 moves out to Samaria, Judea,  
Chapters 13–28 and to the uttermost part of earth.

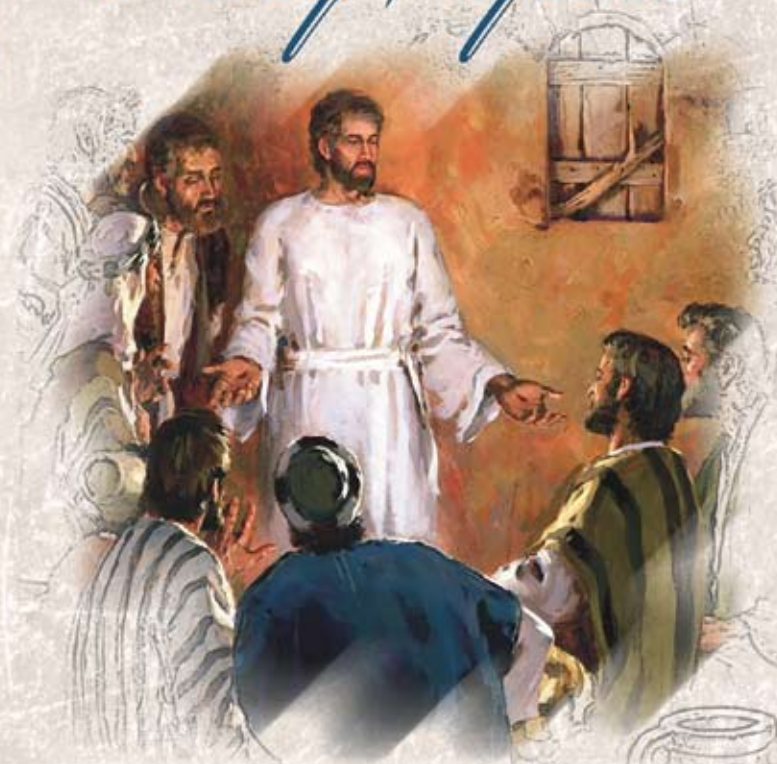
*Acts is the inspired history  
of the Church's first 30 years.  
It began around A.D. 30.*

Scripture to read before next Sunday

Acts 2:1–41



# Promise of the Holy Spirit



The evening of His resurrection in the Upper room, Jesus breathed on His apostles and said, “*Receive ye the Holy Ghost.*”

**O**n the Mt. of Olives, Jesus told the apostles, “Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

## Indwelling *Holy Spirit*

The **evening** of Christ's **resurrection**, Jesus appeared to His apostles in the Upper room and said, "***Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost***"—John 20:21, 22.

That evening, they received the Holy Ghost to dwell within them. This began the **indwelling** of the **Holy Spirit**, which every believer receives when he trusts Christ as Savior. The Holy Spirit unites all of God's redeemed into the one body of Christ—His church. OT saints did not have this indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples would receive the **baptism** of the **Holy Spirit** for witness and service—50 days later at the Feast of Pentecost.

### *Mt. of Olives— before Jesus ascends*

Jesus told the disciples to "***not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, ...ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence***"

—Acts 1:4, 5.

The word **baptize** means to cover over or immerse. Jesus promised they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.



## How the *Holy Spirit* helps us

The **indwelling** Holy Spirit **helps** the believer in many ways. He helps us to know what to pray for (Rom. 8:26). He **convicts** us of sin when we do wrong (John 16:7-8). He is our **Comforter** (John 14:26), which means "one called to go alongside." He is our **Teacher** (John 14:26) to enlighten the Word to us and bring it to our remembrance. And He is **grieved** (Eph. 4:20-32) when we deliberately disobey and sin.

### *The word → "Church"*

In that day, the Greek word "**church**" was not confined to a religious gathering, as it is today. It simply meant "**called out ones**"—those who gathered around a common interest—such as, **called out ones** who gathered as carpenters, as vineyard owners, as people interested in books, etc. Any **called out** group that met together with a common interest was a church.

Stephen spoke of Israel as the "**church in the wilderness**"—Acts 7:38. Their common bond was—they all came out of Egypt, all ate manna, were all under Moses' leadership, and all had similar living conditions in the wilderness. Stephen accurately called them "**a church in the wilderness.**"

The NT **church** is a gathering of those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and have been baptized.

