

The promised Holy Spirit

Sunday, May 26

Introduction

Review where we are - in 2019

Spoke to me from **Acts 13:1-3** (ESV) (1) *Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (2) While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (3) Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

- Together for worship and prayer
- Ministry empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Active in fulfilling the great commission

Pentecost Sunday

- Two weeks from today
- Want to focus the next couple of weeks on the Spirit

Text

Acts 1:4-5 (ESV) (4) *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; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

- Finished the work God has given him
- Died on the cross, rose from the dead
- Appeared to His followers - and gave them proof he was alive
- Would soon ascend to heaven
- Directs them to wait for the Spirit

Promise of

John's baptism

- From our text - Jesus is reiterating a promise John the baptist had spoken
- See [Mark 1:7-8](#) (ESV) (7) *And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. (8) I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

OT Prophecies

- See [Ezekiel 11:19](#) (ESV) (19) *And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,*
- And again [Ezekiel 36:26](#) (ESV) (26) *And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*
- See also [Joel 2:28-29](#) (ESV) (28) *"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. (29) Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.*

In John 14 and 16

- See [John 14:15-17](#) (ESV) (15) *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*
- [John 14:25-26](#) (ESV) (25) *"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. (26) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*
- [John 16:4-15](#) (ESV) (4) *But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. (5) But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' (6) But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. (7) Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. (8) And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: (9) concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; (10) concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; (11) concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (12) "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (13) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (14) He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. (15) All that the Father has is mine; therefore I*

said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

- **Point** Part of Jesus' ministry here is to provide the Holy Spirit to his children!

In our text

- Before he ascends in Acts 1

Provision from

Jesus is the example of the Spirit Filled life

- OT - Spirit would come upon people to empower them to do specific tasks (e.g. Samson - empowered by the Spirit to defeat the enemy)
- Jesus - fully God, empties himself of divinity becoming fully human - but is filled with the Spirit
- The ministry we see Jesus carry out - is a ministry empowered by the Spirit
- **John 1:32-34** (ESV) (32) *And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. (33) I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' (34) And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."*
- The Spirit of God remained on Him - and empowered Him throughout the progress of His ministry
- See **John 14:17** (ESV) (17) *...You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

Power to love

- Much could be said - but three things I want to emphasize
- First - power to love
- Last week - manifesting God's love - we are called to love
- Can't do that without the Holy Spirit
- **Gal 5:22** (ESV) (22) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love...*
- Intertwined in the passages promising the Holy Spirit is the command to love!
- We cannot do what God has called us to do apart from the Holy Spirit
- **John 14:15-17** (ESV) (15) *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. (16) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, ...*
- His command is to love

Revelation of Jesus

- We need to see Jesus
- Now, more than ever - a revelation of Jesus is required
- In the church
- The Spirit's ministry is to make Jesus known!
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Power to Witness

- [Acts 1:8](#) (ESV) (8) *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."*
- See also [John 15:26-27](#) (ESV) (26) *"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. (27) And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.*
- And [John 14:12-14](#) (ESV) (12) *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (13) Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*
- This power is needed to do the work God has called us to do!
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Process to

Jesus had to finish his work

- The OT promised a new Spirit - to dwell in us
- Jesus came, filled with the Spirit - fulfilled God's plan to usher in a new covenant
- Because of the covenant we are made right with God and become children of God
- He gives His Spirit to us

We have to prioritize

- See [Acts 1:4-5](#) (ESV) (4) *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; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*
- *Wait for the promise*
- See the goals for the year
- We need the Spirit

Ask

- [Luke 11:11-13](#) (ESV) (11) *What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; (12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*
- Separate from / subsequent to salvation

Closing

- Re-establish prayer
- Seeking the Spirit