

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW TO CONDUCT SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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PART 3B: THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

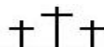
Knowing the power of Satan, Jesus refused to send out his disciples into the world to do the work of God, until they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit! **Acts 1:1-8**

THE STATE OF MIND OF THE 120

- The command to not leave Jerusalem included the eleven apostles, the 70 others, and the 39 women. **Acts 1:14-15**
- They did not know what to expect, Jesus had not told them what kind of manifestation there would be, they only had the information that John the Baptist had spoken three years earlier. **Matthew 3:11**
- During the next 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, He came to His followers and taught them more of the Kingdom of God. **Acts 1:3**
- When the day for Jesus' ascension came, He was taken up into heaven right in front of them, and they never saw Him again on this earth. **Acts 1:9-11**
- They must have been a bewildered group of people who walked back unto Jerusalem with their leader gone for good along with the divine power they had thrived upon for the last 3.5 years. **Acts 1:12-15**

WORKING IN THE FLESH

- Peter felt that they had to do something religious to help God out since there was one less apostle. Peter quoted Scriptures and preached a sermon in the flesh. **Acts 1:16-22**
- The rest of the group agreed to that some kind of action needed to be taken, after all, Jesus needed some help here to replace the apostle Judas. **verses 23-26**
- This was obviously not God's will and Matthias was never mentioned again in the New Testament. What can Christians learn from this? It is God who calls people, and at this time the disciples did not know that God had already selected a replacement for Judas by the name of Saul of Tarsus, who at this time was an enemy of Jesus and who would before his conversion have many Christians murdered. **Acts 8:1-4**
- From the ascension till the day of Pentecost (which means 50 days after the Passover), there were seven days for the disciples to come to the point where they ceased working in the flesh and came together in unity. **Acts 2:1**



THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ❑ When the 120 disciples were still and there was no struggling or man-made effort to do the work of God that the upper room exploded in fire. **Acts 2:2-3**
- ❑ There were no handlers there telling them how to behave and the surge of the Holy Ghost moved through them like a lightning bolt traverses the sky. **verse 4**
- ❑ The 120 disciples could no longer remain in the upper room; they spread out on the streets of Jerusalem, speaking in languages which they did not know in the natural. In Jerusalem at this time, there were Jews from all parts of the Roman Empire who had come to celebrate the Passover and pray at the temple. Suddenly these foreign born Jews heard the disciples of Jesus speaking out loud in their native languages. **verses 5-13**

THE FIRST HOLY GHOST SERMON

- ❑ The text for Peter's sermon is found in **Joel 2:28-32**.
- ❑ All fear had now been swept away from Peter and the rest of the apostles, the words flowed out of his mouth to a multitude, who were spellbound by the power of the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:14-36**

HOLY GHOST CONVICTION OF SIN

- ❑ Peter did not have to beg these men to repent and seek salvation; ***the Holy Ghost "nailed" them and made them ripe for salvation!*** **verse 37**
- ❑ This is what Jesus had promised would happen and will continue to happen if the Christians move in the power of the Holy Ghost. **John 16:7-11**

THE ALTAR CALL

- ❑ Peter did not try to make salvation easy; he simply told them to *repent!* Peter was not trying to build a seeker friendly church; in order for a person to be saved, they must repent and give up their sinful life with no "but's" or "if's". **Acts 2:38-40**
- ❑ 3,000 people repented of their sins in one day and came to Christ. There were no reservations or holding back, the new converts went 100% for Christ. **Acts 2:41-46**
- ❑ Furthermore, the fire was lit and more and more people daily came to Christ. ***The Church of Jesus Christ was born in fire and power!*** **Acts 2:47**

LEARNING POINTS

1. The disciples received moment by moment guidance from the Holy Ghost.
2. There was no confusion, they had only to trust and obey.
3. They had done their homework, they were prayed up.
4. They allowed the Holy Ghost to flow through them.

5. There was no unbelief.
6. There was no selfishness in the disciples.

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?