



Key References:

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.*”

Luke 24:49 (ESV)

⁴⁹ *And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.*”

Acts 2:1–4 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Luke 4:1 (ESV)

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

Acts 17:11 (ESV)

¹¹ Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Read Luke 24:49. **Why was it so important that the disciples not leave until they had received the Holy Spirit?**

It says that they were going to be “*clothed with power from on high*”. **What does this powerful imagery highlight about our need for the Holy Spirit?**

Read Acts 1:4-5. **Have you experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What was it like? What has it permanently changed in your life?**

In Luke 4:1 it says that Jesus was “full of the Holy Spirit” before he was led into the wilderness. **If Jesus is fully God, why did he need the Holy Spirit? What does this highlight about our need for the Holy Spirit?**

How does a relationship with the Holy Spirit affect your everyday living? Do we need to actively pursue a relationship with the Holy Spirit?

What difference would the Holy Spirit make in your sharing the good news of Jesus with others?

Would you like prayer for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in your life?