



Key References:

Acts 11:15–17 (NIV)

¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

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.

Acts 19:1–7 (ESV)

² And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

1 – GOING FORWARD A NEW SEASON

Wes opened his message by challenging the church saying that some of us are yearning to go back to the way things were two years ago like the Israelites yearned to go back to Egypt as slaves. **What was he getting at?**

He followed this up by saying; *“God is more interested in a transformed church than a comfortable church.”* **How do you think God is transforming us to be more reliant on the Holy Spirit?**

2 – DROPPING THE MINDSET OF YESTERDAY

Talking about how we can put the brakes on the Spirit Wes read; Acts 11:15-17. **How can we sometimes let ourselves get in the way of what God wants to do through the Spirit?**

Read Luke 24:39. **When was Jesus’ promise fulfilled for the disciples? Is the same measure of being “clothed with power from on high” available to us today?**

3 – BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Read Acts 2:1-4. **Does anyone have a testimony of when they experienced a powerful move of the Holy Spirit or the baptism of the Holy Spirit? What happened and what was the lasting fruit of it?**

Read Acts 19:1-7. **Is anyone here ever felt unsure if they have been baptized in the Holy Spirit? How can we receive the baptism of The Spirit?**

Wes said, *“Can I suggest; for the church that Jesus is building for tomorrow we all have to be willing to lay down our past. Take the good leave the bad.”* **What did he mean and how should it challenge us?**

For more teaching on the **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** see **Session 6** from the **Oceanside School of The Bible** course **“Getting to Know The Holy Spirit”** with Mark Manfredi [[link](https://youtu.be/IIWBlmGqwjw)] / <https://youtu.be/IIWBlmGqwjw>