

Jubilee Church Bible Study

Acts 8:14-17

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1. Read Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

2. What is the key word in this account?

3. Romans 8:16 reads: "The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God." This refers to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. How would the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be understood in light of our text? Are the receiving of the Holy Spirit and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the same thing?

4. How did Apostle Paul understand the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the receiving the Holy Spirit? Read Acts 19:2.

5. Quickly survey the following verses. In what ways would Holy Spirit be experienced in people's lives?

- On Pentecost there was speaking in tongues and praising the mighty works of God and power to witness (1:8, 2:4, 11)
- In Caesarea at the house of Cornelius, there was speaking in tongues and praising God (10:46)
- We have seen this before in Ephesus where Paul found the disciples of John the Baptist there was speaking in tongues and prophesying when Paul laid his hands on them (19:6)
- At Paul's conversion there was extraordinary boldness and empowering to witness (19:17, 22)
- In Acts 5:32 Luke says that God "gave the Holy Spirit to everyone who is obeying Him" So obedience is a mark of His presence.
- And it brings the working of various gifts (Heb 2:4), and miracles (Gal 3:5) and signs and wonders (Acts 6:8).

6. How would the word of Jesus in Acts 1:8 (but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth) resonate with the inference developed from question 5?

7. What could keep us from experiencing the Holy Spirit?

8. Pray together first to renounce all that which keep us from experiencing the Holy Spirit and ask God to pour out the Holy Spirit to us so that we would live a powerful life for His glory.