

# Why I Need the Spirit's Power

## Power for Life – Part 1

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Acts 1:6 (ESV) So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:7-8 (ESV) He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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.”

### 1. Jesus commanded me to \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit's power

Acts 1:4 (ESV) 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;

Matthew 28:18-19a (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

Luke 24:49 (ESV) 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 1:5 (ESV) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### 2. I need power to live \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:17-18 (ESV) “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Acts 1:1 (ESV) In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

Acts 2:22 (ESV) “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

Acts 2:43 (ESV) And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Acts 2:47b (ESV) And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### 3. I need to receive Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:32-33 (ESV) This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Acts 2:38-39 (ESV) And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

### Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading (1 chapter in Acts), prayer & writing.  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Read 2 chapters of the book Power for Life this week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

# Why I Need the Spirit's Power Study Guide

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Intro. In what ways is the turn of the year a good time to evaluate your spiritual life?

Why were the disciples so interested in God's detailed plans (Acts 1:6)?

Why was it not for the disciples to know God's timing of future events (Acts 1:7)?

What is God's plan for believers of all times (Acts 1:8)?

1A. Why were the disciples commanded to wait for the Father's promise (Acts 1:4)?

1B. How does the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-19 relate to Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8?

1C. What do you think it means to "be clothed with power" (Luke 24:49)?

1D. Using the analogy of water baptism, what does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5)?

1E. How can pride prevent people from receiving the Spirit's power (James 4:6)?

2A. How did the operation of the Holy Spirit change between the Old Testament times and the last days of New Testament times (Acts 2:17-18)?

2B. What are the implications of Luke's statement in Acts 1:1 for the events of the book of Acts?

2C. How was Jesus' ministry attested by God (Acts 2:22)? How was the early church's ministry attested by God (Acts 2:43, 47)? See also: John 14:12.

2D. How would your life be different if you had more of the Spirit's power?

3A. How are all three members of the Trinity involved in Spirit baptism (Acts 2:32-33)?

3B. What are the three experiences that God desires for everyone (Acts 2:38-39)? Why is each one essential?

3C. What must be done to receive the gift of the Spirit, as it is not received automatically at salvation (Acts 2:39, Luke 11:13)?