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## Acts 1:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven,

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after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

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<sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

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He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

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“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

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<sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

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<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore  
the kingdom to Israel?”

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<sup>7</sup> He said to them:

“It is not for you to know the times or dates  
the Father has set by his own authority.

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<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

## **Acts 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came,  
they were all together in one place.

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<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

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<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

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<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

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<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem  
God-fearing Jews from every nation  
under heaven.

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<sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

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<sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

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<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene;

## Acts 2:1-13

visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

## **Acts 2:1-13**

<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said,  
“They have had too much wine.”

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## **Acts 19:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus.

## **Acts 19:1-2**

There he found some disciples <sup>2</sup> and asked them,  
“Did you receive the Holy Spirit  
when you believed?”

## **Acts 19:1-2**

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

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“The idea of the Holy Spirit to the average church member is so vague as to be non-existent.”

- A.W. Tozer

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“If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”

- A.W. Tozer

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# Who He Is:

1. The Holy Spirit is God's **personal presence**

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# Who He Is:

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- **Intellect**

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- **Emotion**

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## 2. The Holy Spirit is a **Person**

- **Intellect**
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- **Will**

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# Who He Is:

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- **Omnipotent**

## Acts 5:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?”

## Acts 5:3-4

<sup>4</sup> Didn't it belong to you before it was sold?  
And after it was sold, wasn't the money  
at your disposal?

## **Acts 5:3-4**

What made you think of doing such a thing?  
You have not lied just to human beings  
but to God.”

## **John 14:16**

And I will ask the Father, and he will  
give you another advocate to help you  
and be with you forever

## Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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# What He Does:

## 1. Empowers

## Acts 2:15-18

<sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

## **Acts 2:15-18**

<sup>17</sup> ““In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

## **Acts 2:15-18**

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

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<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

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# What He Does:

1. Empowers
2. **Guides**

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# What He Does:

1. Empowers
2. Guides
3. **Regenerates**

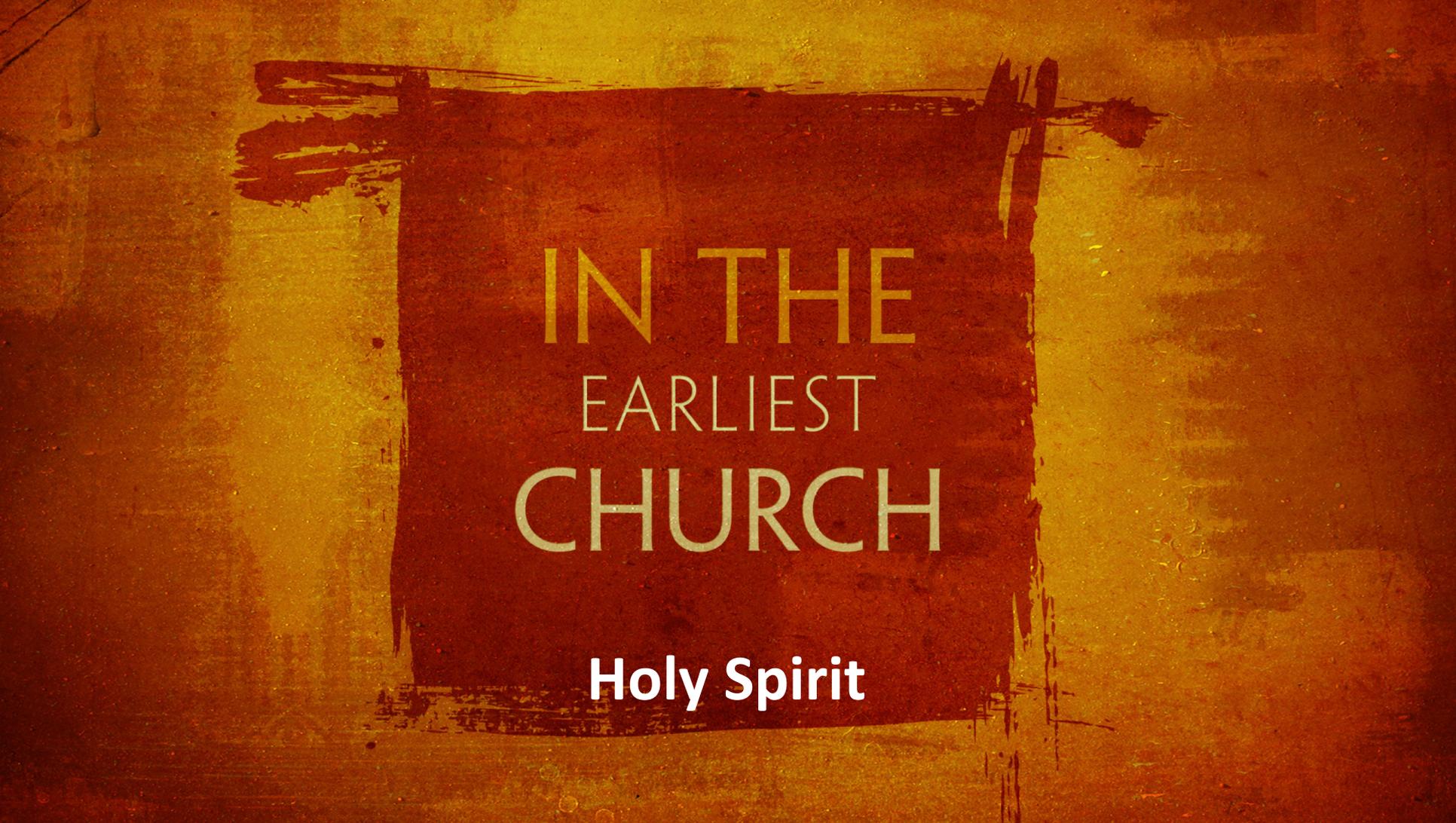
## **Acts 2:37**

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles,  
“Brothers, what shall we do?”

## **Acts 7:51**

“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

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