

Acts 2 — Something's About to Happen

(Life as we've known it may never be the same!)

What were they expecting?

*"For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
(Acts 1:5)*

What did they receive?

- Spirit Baptism is the Spirit's work of uniting us with Christ – identifying us with Christ's death, burial and resurrection. (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12)
- Spirit Baptism is the Spirit's work of making all believers permanent members of the Body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Spirit Baptism occurs once and for all at the salvation of each believer. (Gal 3:26-27; Eph. 4:4-5)
- Spirit Baptism is a change of state and is not validated by any particular outward sign. (John 3:8)

Experiencing Spirit power

- He helps us understand what the Bible teaches. Has someone explained something to you about the Bible, and you understood what they were saying? That's the Spirit inside of you helping you to understand. *John 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:13*
- He gives us the words to tell others about Jesus and say that Jesus is God. Have you wanted to tell someone about Jesus but didn't know what to say, then all of a sudden the words just popped into your head for you to tell that person about Jesus? That's the Holy Spirit living inside of you prompting you with the right words to say. *John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 12:3*
- He gives us assurance that we are God's children. Have you ever felt really loved by God? That's the Spirit inside of you letting you know for sure that you are God's child, and He loves you. *Romans 8:16*
- He encourages us to do what pleases God. Do you have a desire to please God with your life? That's the Holy Spirit inside of you giving you that desire. *Romans 12:11; Jer. 33:31,33*
- He helps us to feel joy as we serve Jesus and when we do the right things. Have you ever felt really good when you chose to do the right thing or chose to be helpful? That's the Holy Spirit inside of you letting you feel God's pleasure. *Romans 14:17-18*
- He encourages us to not want to do what doesn't please God. Have you ever felt something tugging at you inside when you were tempted to do something wrong? That's the Holy Spirit living inside of you nudging you, reminding you what doesn't please God so you can choose not to do that. *Galatians 5:16*
- He enables us to love others. Have you ever started loving someone even more after you started praying for them? That's the Holy Spirit living inside of you doing that. *Galatians 5:22-23*
- He makes us want to sing praises to God, in our hearts and out loud, and be thankful for God's goodness. Do you like to sing praises to God? Do you feel thankful to God for His goodness to you? That's the Spirit living inside of you filling your heart with praise and thanksgiving to God. *Ephesians 5:18-20*
- He prays for us when we need help or don't know what to pray for. Have you ever had a huge problem and didn't know what to ask God to do about it, but God took care of the problem anyway? That's the Holy Spirit living inside of you working to take care of your need before you even ask. *Romans 8:26-27*