

The Kingdom Wall to His Church is Built Through Those Led by the Holy Spirit | Building His Church: Part 2 | September 26, 2021

1 Corinthians 12:27

You are the body of Christ and each one of you is part of it.

Matthew 16:18-19

...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Kingdom of God is God's _____
through God's _____
over God's _____.

Acts 1:4-8

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"...you 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."

1. The Kingdom of God wall of His Church is built by those who _____ to the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-5

2. The Kingdom of God messenger delivers a _____ where there was once chaos.

Acts 2:14-21

Acts 2:21 *"...and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

3. The Kingdom of God message is the _____ for those seeking eternity.

What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- I give Him control of my _____
- I give Him control of my _____
- I give Him control of my _____

In God's hands, my appointments are now _____ Appointments.

Digging Deeper

Focus Passages today: Acts 1:1-8; Acts 2:1-13; Acts 2:14-21

In our study today, we are looking at how the Holy Spirit guides us as we live out and profess the Kingdom of God, and we become builders of the Kingdom of God wall to His Church. Read and examine these verses, thinking deeply about what transforms in the (1) MESSENGER, (2) the MESSAGE, and (3) the RECEIVER of the message when the Holy Spirit moves.

EXAMINE ACTS 1:8 — EMPOWERING THE MESSENGER (TAKE 10 MINUTES)

- When the Holy Spirit was to come as Jesus predicted would happen...
 - What would change in them as disciples?
 - What would they be doing for Him (Jesus)?
- Answer the question: **How does the Holy Spirit empower the messenger?**
- If you had to use another verb to indicate what happens to the messenger when the Holy Spirit moves, what would it be—and why do you choose that word?
 - Fill in the blank: *The Holy Spirit (does what?) _____ in and through the messenger.*

EXAMINE ACTS 2:1-8 — TRANSFORMING THE MESSAGE (TAKE 10 MINUTES)

- In this scene, was there any warning that the Holy Spirit would arrive? Is there anything significant in this?
- Look at a Bible map (found in most study Bibles) and determine where the people were coming from as described in 2:9-11.
 - What is significant about this?
- Answer the question: **How does the Holy Spirit transform the message that comes out from us to the receiver of this message?**

EXAMINE ACTS 2:14-21 — CONVERTING THE HEARER (TAKE 10 MINUTES)

- Where is Peter quoting from in the Old Testament during his response to the crowd in 2:17-21?
 - What are some important reasons why he would use this quote from the Old Testament prophet?
- In 2:17-18, who does God use in delivering the message of the gospel?
- Answer the question: **What is the Holy Spirit's role in the conversion of the message hearer?**

EXAMINE ACTS 2:21 (TAKE 20 MINUTES)

- What is the message of the gospel? Who is the message for?
- Who do you know right now for whom you can be the messenger of this message?

EXAMINE THIS STATEMENT: *The "Kingdom of God Wall" is built through those who are led by the Holy Spirit.* Is this true? Why or why not?

PERSONAL STORY: Can you think of a time when you felt the Holy Spirit use you to be a messenger to someone for Him, and later you were amazed?

PERSONAL CHALLENGES:

- What would have to change in you for the Holy Spirit to be allowed to guide you?
- Consider closing out each day and each week by journaling the answer to this question:
Where have I seen God move today?