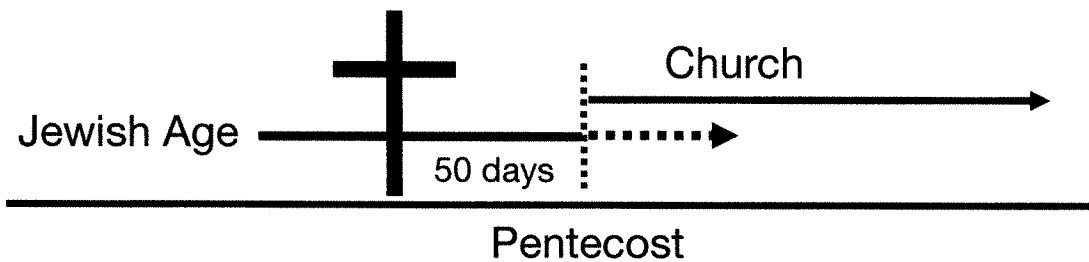


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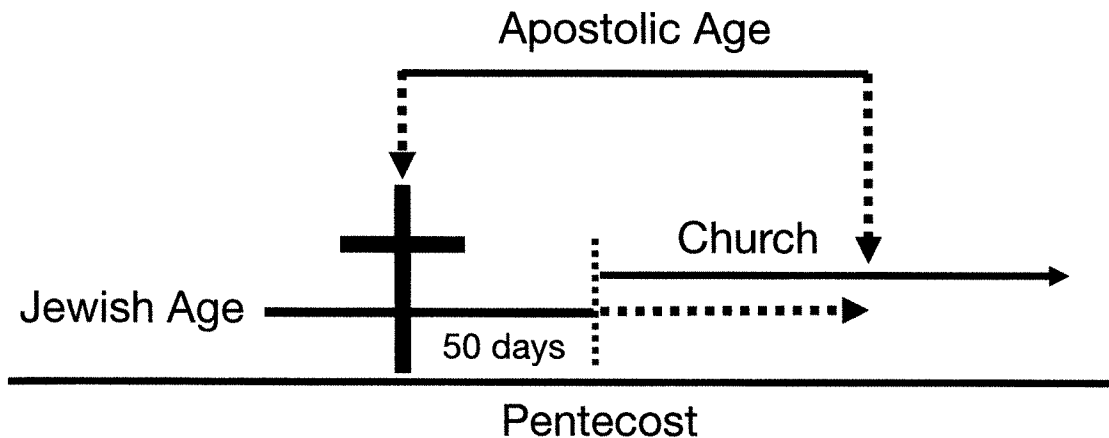
Series: Power From On High
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Why do we need to understand that Acts is transitional?

1. Understanding the transition helps us determine what we carry forward today in _____ and _____.



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To seek the Holy Spirit for an experience of greater power is wrong.

*Acts 8:18–23 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, “Give this **authority***

to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

20 But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

21 “You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22 “Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 “For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.”

This should be a warning for all who think they can obtain the Holy Spirit by any means other than to receive Him as a free _____ through faith.

Four errors in interpretation for those who believe in a second baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- 1. They do not recognize the transitional nature of Acts.**
- 2. They miss the necessity of convincing the Jews that other people groups receive salvation the way they did.**

Acts 10:34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,

*44–46 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles **ALSO**.*

46 For (because) they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

*Acts 11:17–18 “Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us **ALSO** after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” 18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles **ALSO** the repentance that leads to life.”*

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- 3. They miss the necessity of an apostle’s presence to validate that each group received the Spirit.**

- 4. They do not take into account the interpretational rule of Analogia Scriptura.**

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Luke 3:16 John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Were the twelve disciples of John saved?

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John’s baptism

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Three important principles.

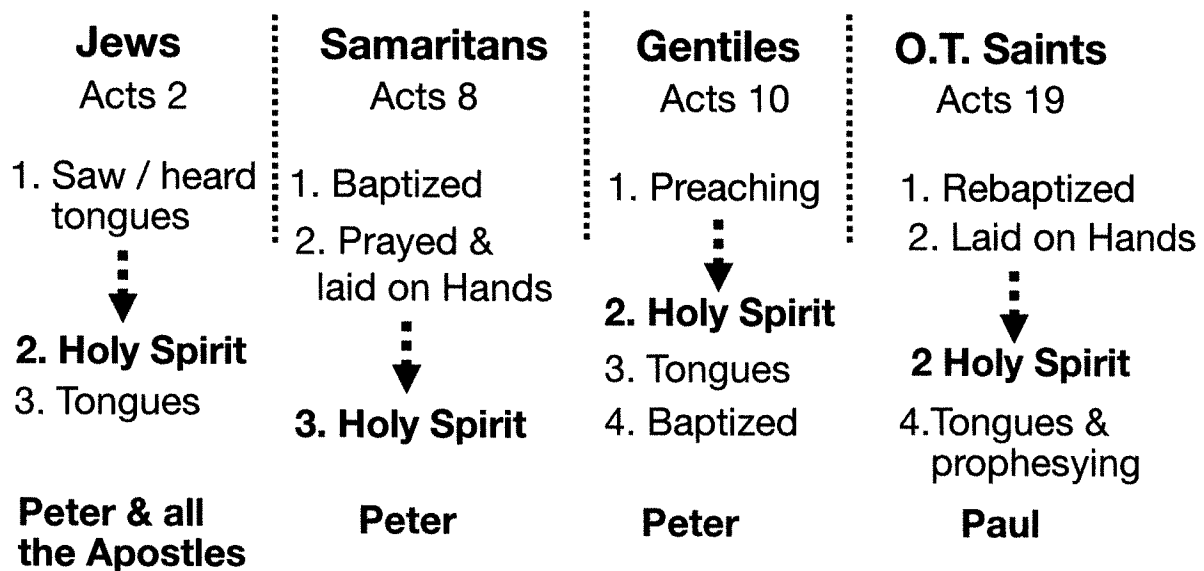
This is the only place where someone was rebaptized.

1. Unless we were baptized after trusting in Christ, rebaptism is necessary.

2. Water baptism is very important and should occur immediately after salvation.

3. It is perfectly acceptable to baptize in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.



Everyone of the four groups had a different experience of receiving the Holy Spirit.

In the church age, believers receive the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation.

Ephesians 1:13–14 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also **believed**, you were **sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Romans 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were **ALL** baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **ALL** made to drink of one Spirit.

Do I have the Holy Spirit?

A series of tests in 1 John that we can use to examine ourselves and our faith.

1. Do you enjoy having fellowship with Christ and His redeemed people? (1 John 1:3)
2. Would people say you walk in the light, or walk in the darkness? (1 John 1:6-7)
3. Do you admit and confess your sin? (1 John 1:8)
4. Are you obedient to God's Word? (1 John 2:3-5)
5. Does your life indicate you love God rather than the world? (1 John 2:15)

6. Is your life characterized by "doing what is right"?
(1 John 2:29)
7. Do you seek to maintain a pure life? (1 John 3:3)
8. Do you see a decreasing pattern of sin in your life?
(1 John 3:5-6) [Note: this refers to not continuing in sin as a way of life, not a total absence of sin.]
9. Do you demonstrate love for other Christians?
(1 John 3:14)
10. Do you "walk the walk," versus just "talking the talk"?
(1 John 3:18-19)
11. Do you maintain a clear conscience? (1 John 3:21)
12. Do you experience victory in your Christian walk?
(1 John 5:4)

Discussion Guide

1. What have you learned about interpreting the Bible from our series on transition?
2. What was the purpose of the apostolic period and why was it important and unique?
3. Why does the NT not promote the second baptism of the Holy Spirit? If it did, what would that do to unity in the church?
4. Look over the list that John gives us in his epistle of 1 John and discuss the characteristics that prove we have the Holy Spirit and are saved.

ANSWERS: expectation, application, gift