

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

A NEW BEGINNING

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PART 3: WAS THE POWER OF JESUS TRANSFERRED?

The apostles and the 70 others were confident and secure in the power that Jesus displayed as long as He was with them. But when He was arrested by the Jewish leadership their faith dissolved and they all fled. **Matthew 26:56**

Even after resurrection, some of the apostles and the 70 others still had doubts. **Matthew 28:16-17; Mark 16:9-14; John 20:24-29**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

During a 40 days period after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and taught them what the Gospel was all about. **Acts 1:1-3**

The day of ascension finally came and Jesus gave his disciples a final command to stay in Jerusalem and pray until the Holy Ghost came upon them. **verses 4-14**

The group consisted of 11 apostles, the 70 others and 39 women. **verse 15**

The word "Pentecost" means "50 days after the Passover." Since Jesus died the day before the Passover and was three days and night in the grave and walked with the disciples for 40 days before his ascension, we can come to the conclusion that the disciples had to wait seven days in Jerusalem before they were baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:1-4**

THE RESULTS FROM THE BAPTISM

The 120 followers of Jesus went from having been intimidated and fearful to being transformed into bold men and women of great faith. The same day the apostle Peter preached his first sermon and 3,000 people received Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour and were baptized in water. **verses 37-43**

When Peter and John encountered a man who was lame from birth, Peter challenged him to be healed in the name of Jesus and he was instantly healed. **Acts 3:1-11**

This miracle established that the power of Jesus had been transferred to His disciples.

It is interesting that the first record of casting out of demons after Jesus ascended to heaven was done by the deacon Philip. (**Acts 6:5**) The Bible does not say if he was one of the 70 others but he still possessed the same power as Jesus when he came to the city of Samaria. Philip preached the Gospel, prayed for the sick and cast out demons. **Acts 8:5-8**

Jesus raised people from the dead and no one could deny it was done by the power of God. The apostles and the rest of the believers in Christ must have



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wondered if this type of power would be transferred to them. Sometime later after the ascension, that question was answered when the apostle Peter raised up a dead woman. **Acts 9:36-42**

Saul of Tarsus, who became the apostle Paul, never met Jesus in the flesh and belonged to the first generation of believers who had not been with Jesus and commissioned by him. But Paul had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 9:17-19**

On his first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas encountered a sorcerer and a false Jewish prophet. The Holy Ghost moved mightily through Paul who neutralized the demons in the man and caused him to be blind for a season. **Acts 13:4-12**

Some years later Paul encountered a woman who had a spirit of divination and cast out that spirit so she could no longer foretell the future. **Acts 16:16-19**

Not only did Paul have the power to cast out demons, he also had the power to pray for people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 19:5-7**

When the unsaved Jews heard about the miracles that were done in the name of Jesus, they tried it and found out there is no power if you are not saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. **Acts 19:11-16**

This caused an awakening among the believers in Christ who had dabbled in the occult as they confessed their sins and destroyed all their artifacts used in the occult. **verses 17-20**

The Book of Acts established that the power of Jesus was transferred to His disciples, and when these introduced people to Christ, the power was also transferred to them. We can therefore boldly proclaim that all the signs and wonders of Jesus are still here for us today! John 14:11-18

God has not necessarily called you to be successful but to be faithful!
Hebrews 3:1-5

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?