

## INTRODUCTION

1. Time tw/ resurrection & ascension - A 1:1-5. HS comes into prominence.
  - i. v2 - *by/thru HS Jesus gave orders*. v3 - 40 day period
  - ii. v4-5 - wait for *what Father promised = baptized w/ HS*.
2. Lk 24 - Lk's summary of this 40 day period - v44-49. In view of A 1:2, we are to perceive HS as Jesus *gives orders to apostles*

**1st: The Promise of the Spirit - v49a**

1. *Behold* = be sure you see this - the person & work of HS.
2. We move into a new time in Redemptive History [RH]: NCov.
3. OT prophets promised HS
  - i. Renewed people. Num 11:29; Ezek 36:26-27 [Jer 31:33; Dt 30:6].
  - ii. Renewed land - Isa 32:12-15; Isa 44:3.
  - iii. HS will remake Ab's seed & land according to NCov life in Jesus.
4. Jesus promised HS - Jn 14:16-17 - v26 given & sent by Father; Lk 24:49 sent by Jesus - Jn 16:7; v13-15 revelation of Triune God focuses on Son
5. *I am sending* - present tense: I send [A 1:2 Jesus gave orders *by/thru HS*]. Jesus' post-res words & acts throb w/ the life of the HS. *send* = "apostle": the "apostled" HS is given to Apostles: authorized representative
6. Church's confession of Trinity: *I am [Son] sending the promise [HS] of My Father* = Triune God. Lk 10:21-24.
7. *upon you - the apostles* [A 1:2]; fndtnal strata of NCov church [Eph 2:20]: unique *witnesses of these thgs* - authorized testifiers.

**2nd: The Power of the Spirit - v49b**

1. Previous endowment of *power* for a mission - Lk 9:1-2 *power & authority*

2. A time [*stay... until...*] & a place [*in the city* - Jeru]. A 1:8 when & where
  - i. the time is scheduled - *until* - *when*
  - ii. where - *in city: Jeru, Judea, Samaria* - entire *earth*. Time & space not idea & sentiment - historical events
3. Apostles endowed w/ power to witness to the world - Lk 24:46-49 & A 1:8
  - i. power
  - ii. to witness
  - iii. to the world
4. *clothed w/ power from on high* - "it" - "Him". Reveals Jesus [Jn 16:14].
5. Certain thgs must happen before HS is given: 1] Pentecost & 2] Jesus' enthronement - A 2:32-40
  - i. Jesus raised & exalted [enthroned] - receives & pours HS [Ps 110].
  - ii. HS convicts - repentance - baptized - promise proclaimed.
  - iii. Result? v41ff Church in Jeru. A11, Church in Antioch [Gentiles]
6. Messiah has accomplished salvation - HS applies salvation.

**Applic #1: We Now Live in "The Last Days"**

1. A 2:17 - *in the last days*. The exalted Christ gives us His Spirit - it is a new epoch of Redemptive History - the New Covenant.
2. The Kingdom comes in 2 stages: 1st & 2nd comings of Jesus. Interim: ministry of HS.
3. Our identity, purpose & destiny are defined in union w/ resurrected Jesus.
4. We must take our place on the stage of RH. Jesus is coming!

**Applic #2: Let Us Live for Christ in the Power of the Holy Spirit**

**THE PROMISED POWER - Luke 24:49**

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1. The HS is the explanation for your faith in Jesus. The life of a disciple is a life of learning how to live in union w/ the resurrected Jesus in the power of the HS - Tit 2:12-13.
  
2. *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the HS to those who ask Him?* [Lk 11:13]. Eph 3:14-21