

HERE AM I SEND ME

“The Eternal Power Source”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Acts 1:4-2:13

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles.” Tonight we are going to consider the events in the upper room of **Acts 1-2**. What happened? Why was the baptism of the Holy Spirit essential? Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. The Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- What did Jesus say? (**Acts 1:4-5**)
- What did John the Baptist say? (**Luke 3:16**)
- What does Luke say? (**Acts 2:1-4**)
- What did the people on Pentecost say? (**Acts 2:11**)
- What did Peter say? (**Acts 2:16-17**)
- This was what Joel prophesied (**Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:17-21**).
- This was the promise of the Father (**Acts 2:32-33**).
- This is NOT the same as the baptism for salvation (**Acts 2:38-39**).

II. The Essence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- What does Luke say? (**Acts 1:4, Luke 24:47, Luke 24:47, Acts 1:6-8**)
- What did Jesus say? (**Acts 1:8**)

III. The Fullness of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- What does Luke say? (**Acts 2:4**)
- What was the result? Why did this happen? (**Acts 2:41**)
- What happens in **Acts 4:8, 4:13, 4:31, 6-8, 9:17, 9:22, 11:24, 13:9, 13:11**?
- THIS promise (**Acts 1:7-8**), unlike the promise of **Acts 2:38-39**, has limitations.

IV. The Timing of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- The replacement of Judas was necessary (**Acts 1:15-26**).
- The prophecies had been fulfilled (**Acts 1:17-19, Psalm 69:25, 109:8**).
- Timing is everything (**John 13:27, Acts 1:15-26, Matthew 16:19**).

V. The Reach of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- This day was called the Feast of Harvest/Reaping (**Exodus 23:16**), the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1, 20:6, I Corinthians 16:8**), the Feast of Weeks (**Exodus 34:22, Deuteronomy 16:10**), and the Day of the First Fruits (**Numbers 28:26**).
- Think of the visual lesson taught on this day (**Exodus 13:21-22**).
- Think of the nations that were present on this day (**Acts 2:8-11**).

Conclusion: The Spirit came with power (**Acts 1:8**) and then He inspired these holy men of God to pen the words of Scripture (**II Peter 1:21**). Are you ready to say, “Here am I, send me!” Are you ready to be a living witness? Have you shared your story?