

## Baptism with the Holy Spirit V

“Obedience and Action”

Obedience and action are characterized by the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3:21** Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also **being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,** <sup>22</sup> **And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape** like a dove upon him, **and a voice came from heaven,** which said, thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is generally preceded by a season of prayer, quiet desperation

**Luke 3:1** And **Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost** returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> **Being forty days tempted of the devil.** And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

Prayer will sustain you in the day of temptation.

The strength of the Holy Spirit will keep you through the wilderness.

**Luke 4:14** And Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit** into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

The power of the Spirit brings us out Egypt and out of the wilderness.

The power of the Spirit will return to a familiar place.

The power of the Spirit will take you to a new place.

*We need to obey and act as we are led by the Holy Spirit.*

*Consider Acts 16*

**I**

The Holy Spirit orders our starts.

The Holy Spirit orders our stops.

**Acts 16:6** Now when they had gone throughout **Phrygia** and the region of **Galatia**, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, <sup>7</sup> After they were come to **Mysia**, they assayed to go into **Bithynia**: but the Spirit suffered them not. <sup>8</sup> And they passing by **Mysia** came down to **Troas**.

Obey the Holy Spirit.

“A place called Troas”, is where our assignments are made clear, our ambitions are surrendered, our agendas are destroyed, and our aim is made straight.

Troas is on the plain of Troy, in the Trojan area.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring clarity to our assignment.

## II

Our call is clear; however, our assignments need clarity.

**Acts 16:9** And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. <sup>10</sup> And after he had seen the vision, **immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.**

The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring clarity.

This is the first of the “we section” of Acts.

The first of the we sections begins here in Acts, indicating that Luke joined the party of Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

“Was Luke a stocker observer?”

The how, why, and precise location of Luke’s joining the group are left unstated.

The Holy Spirit can shrink or expand your team when clarity comes to your assignment.

### III

Obedience and action have amazing benefits.

**Acts 16:13** And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. <sup>14</sup> And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, **which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household,** she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, **come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.**

When the Holy Spirit brings clarity to our assignment there are people waiting to hear and receive us.

When the Holy Spirit brings clarity to our assignment there is provision waiting for us.

### VI

Obedience and actions can bring deliverance and justice to many.

**Acts 16:16** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, **a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:** <sup>17</sup> The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. <sup>18</sup> And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned, and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. <sup>19</sup> And **when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,**

Our Holy Spirit assignments may lead us into various spaces:

Sacred space, prayer: *Vs 16a*

Spiritual space: *Vs 16b*

Economic space: *Vs 16c*

Injustice space: *Vs 19a*

Government space: *Vs 19b*

- Obedience and action with the Holy Spirit can lead to good success.
- Obedience and action with the Holy Spirit can assist and helps many people.
- Obedience and action with the Holy Spirit can change a region.

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