



Promise, Presence, Power, Prayer

Acts 1:4-14

His Promise

- As heard from **John the Baptist**:
 - Luke 3:16
- As heard from **Jesus**:
 - John 14:15-18
 - John 15:26-27
 - John 16:5-15



His Presence

- “Baptized with the Holy Spirit”
- A Salvation **and** a Spirit baptism?
- A **one time** act. Jesus’ kids are:
 - Born again (John 3:5)
 - Baptized (1 Cor. 12:13)
 - Indwelt (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 - Sealed (Eph. 1:13)
 - Yet...filled (Eph. 5:17-18)



His Presence

Ephesians 5:17-18 – “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit...”



His Power

- A **human idea** of a powerful kingdom
- A **Divine idea** of a powerful Kingdom
 - “you shall receive power...”
 - Dynamite!
 - The fact of the ability
 - “you shall be My witnesses...”
 - His by direct, personal relationship
 - One who confirms what they have received



Prayer

- The discipline of prayer: yielding to His power
- The obedience of prayer: not yielding to one's own power (emotions)
- What might cause anxiety in this situation?



His Plan, not Mine!

1. “Stay in Jerusalem”
2. “Wait”
3. “Release your kingdom expectations”
4. “Don’t wrestle with an unanswered question”
5. “Live a pilgrim’s lifestyle”
6. A witness to not one, but two miracles
7. “Live in My absence, again”



Postscript

- God's **promises** are true
- God's **presence** in us is His desire
- God's **power** is...His
- Our response should aim to:
 - Be Trustful
 - Be a Witness



