

# The Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts:



**Filled with the Holy Spirit**



## Holy Spirit in Luke: Background

- The Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God **said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light. (Genesis 1:2 – 3)





# Holy Spirit in Luke: Background

- Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to [Moses], and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed Him upon the seventy elders. And it came about that when the Spirit rested upon them, they **prophesied**. (Numbers 11:25)
- And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all humankind, and your sons and daughters will **prophesy**. (Joel 2:28)



## Holy Spirit in Luke: Background

- The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley, and it was full of bones...He said to me, “**Prophecy** over these bones...” (Ezekiel 37:1ff.)



# Holy Spirit in Luke: Jesus

- Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she **cried out with a loud voice**... (Luke 1:41 – 42)
- Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and **prophesied**... (Luke 1:67)
- And Simeon came in the Spirit into the temple...and **blessed God and said**...(Luke 2:25 – 26)







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## Holy Spirit in Luke: Jesus

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- The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a **voice came from heaven**, “You are My beloved Son, in you I am well-pleased.” (Luke 3:21)
- Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...was led by the Spirit in the wilderness... Jesus **answered** Satan...Jesus **answered** him...Jesus **answered** him... (Luke 4:1 – 12)



# Holy Spirit in Luke: Jesus

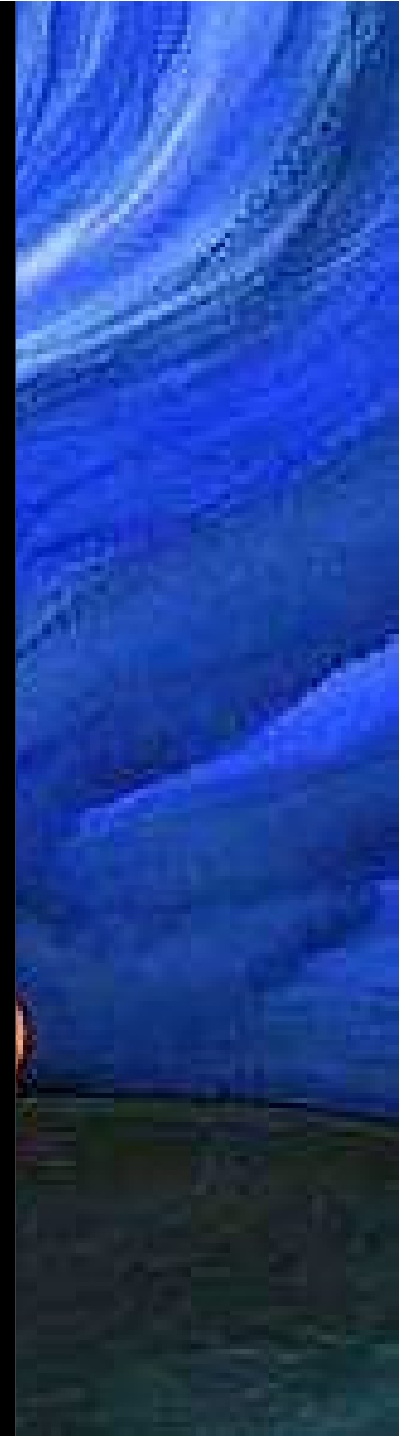
- Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit...And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me **to preach...to proclaim...**” (Luke 4:14 – 18)
- And that very time he rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit and **said...** (Luke 10:21)
- And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Thy hands I commit my Spirit.” And having **said** this, he **breathed** his last. (Luke 23:25 – 26)



## Holy Spirit in Luke: Disciples

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- The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil, for his **mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.** (Luke 6:45)
- One of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to **pray** just as John also taught his disciples”... [Jesus replied] how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? (Luke 11:1, 13)





# Holy Spirit in Luke: Disciples

- The Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to **say**. (Luke 12:10 – 12)
- Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written...that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be **proclaimed** in his name to all the nations...you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:45 – 49)



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# Holy Spirit in Acts

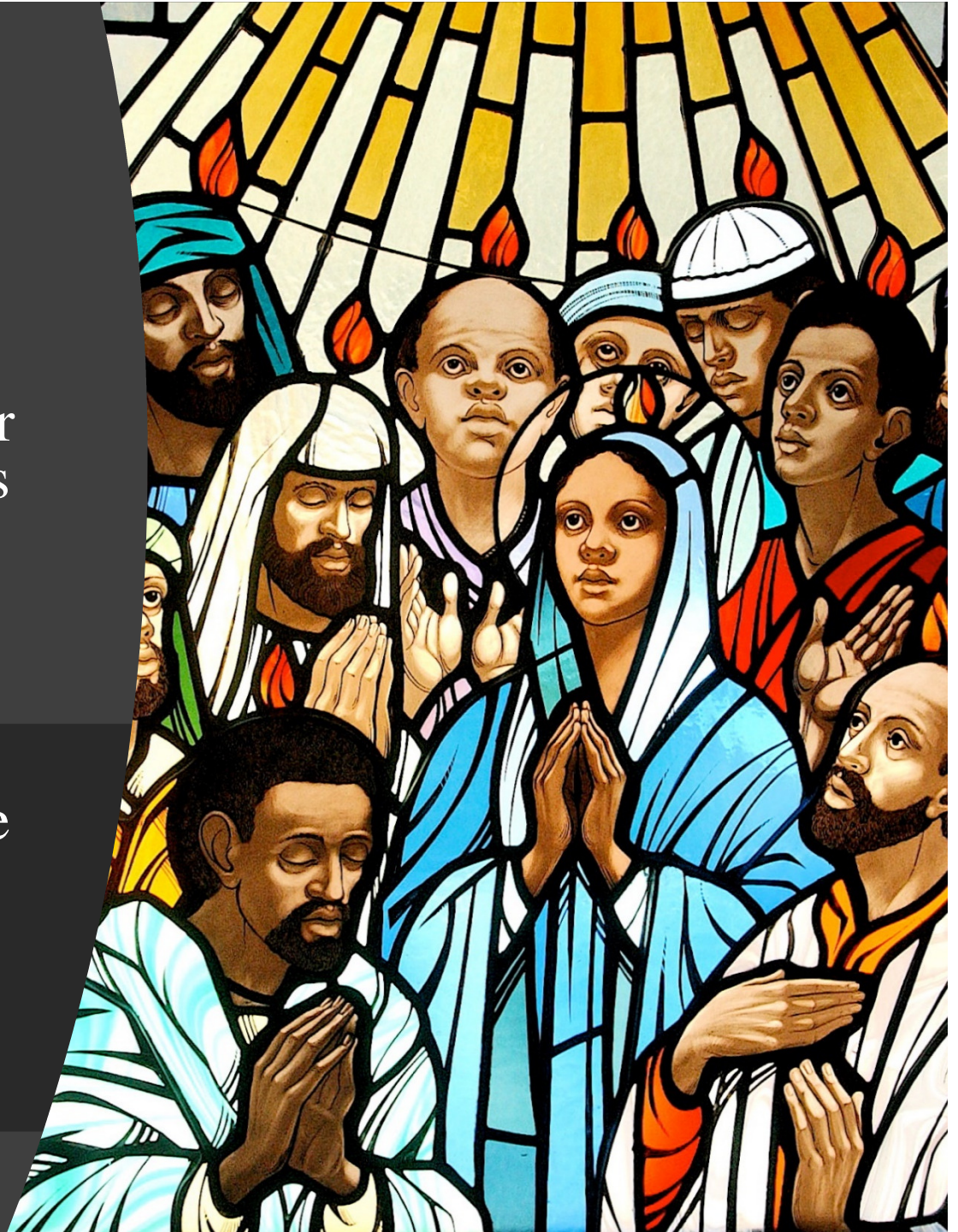
You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my **witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:7 – 8)





## Holy Spirit in Acts

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **spea**k with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them **utterance**... God says, “I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall **prop**hesy...I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall **prop**hesy.” (Acts 2:1 – 21)



# Holy Spirit in Acts

- Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, **said** to them, “Rulers and elders of the people...” (Acts 4:8)
- “O Lord, it is Thou...who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst **say**...[Ps.2]” (Acts 4:24 – 25)
- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to **speak** the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31)
- Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie** to the Holy Spirit...? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not **lied** to men but to God. (Acts 5:1 – 5)





# Holy Spirit in Acts

- But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which [Stephen] was **speaking**. (Acts 6:10)
- But being full of the Holy Spirit...he **said**... (Acts 7:55 – 56)
- And the Spirit said to Philip...And Philip opened his **mouth**, and beginning from this Scripture he **preached** Jesus to him. (Acts 8:29 – 35)





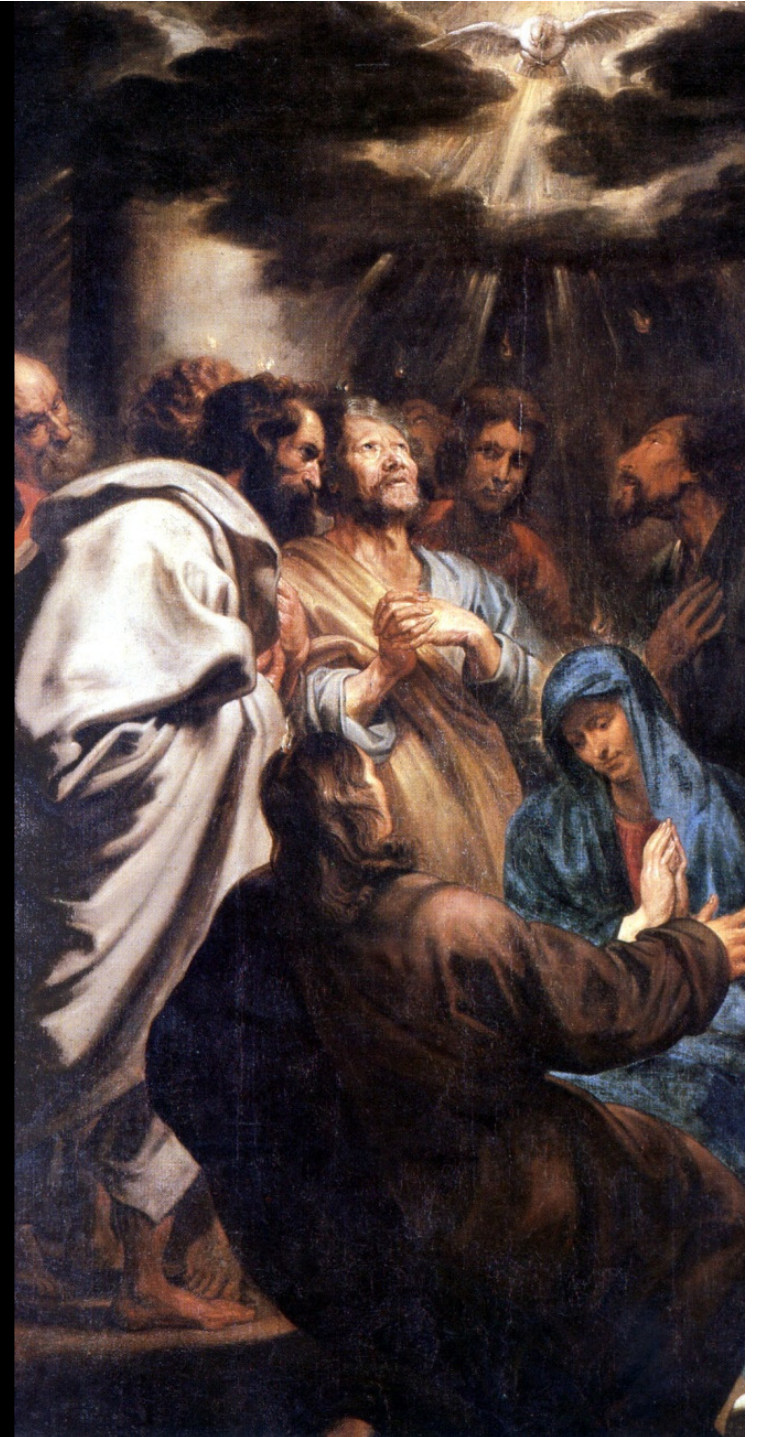
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“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus...has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”  
And immediately...he began to **proclaim** Jesus in the synagogues **saying**, “He is the Son of God.” (Acts 9:17 – 20)



# Holy Spirit in Acts

- While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also. For they were hearing them **speaking with tongues and exalting God**. (Acts 10:44 – 46)



# Holy Spirit in Acts

- And they sent Barnabus off to Antioch. Then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to **encourage** them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord, for he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and faith. (Acts 11:22 – 24)





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“In many ways, the work of a critic is easy. We risk very little, yet enjoy a position over those who offer up their work and themselves to our judgment. We thrive on negative criticism, which is fun to write and to read. But the bitter truth we critics must face is that, in the grand scheme of things, the average piece of junk is probably more meaningful than our criticism designating itself. But there are times when a critic truly risks something, and that is in the discovery and defense of the new. The world is often unkind to new talent, new creations. The new needs friends...

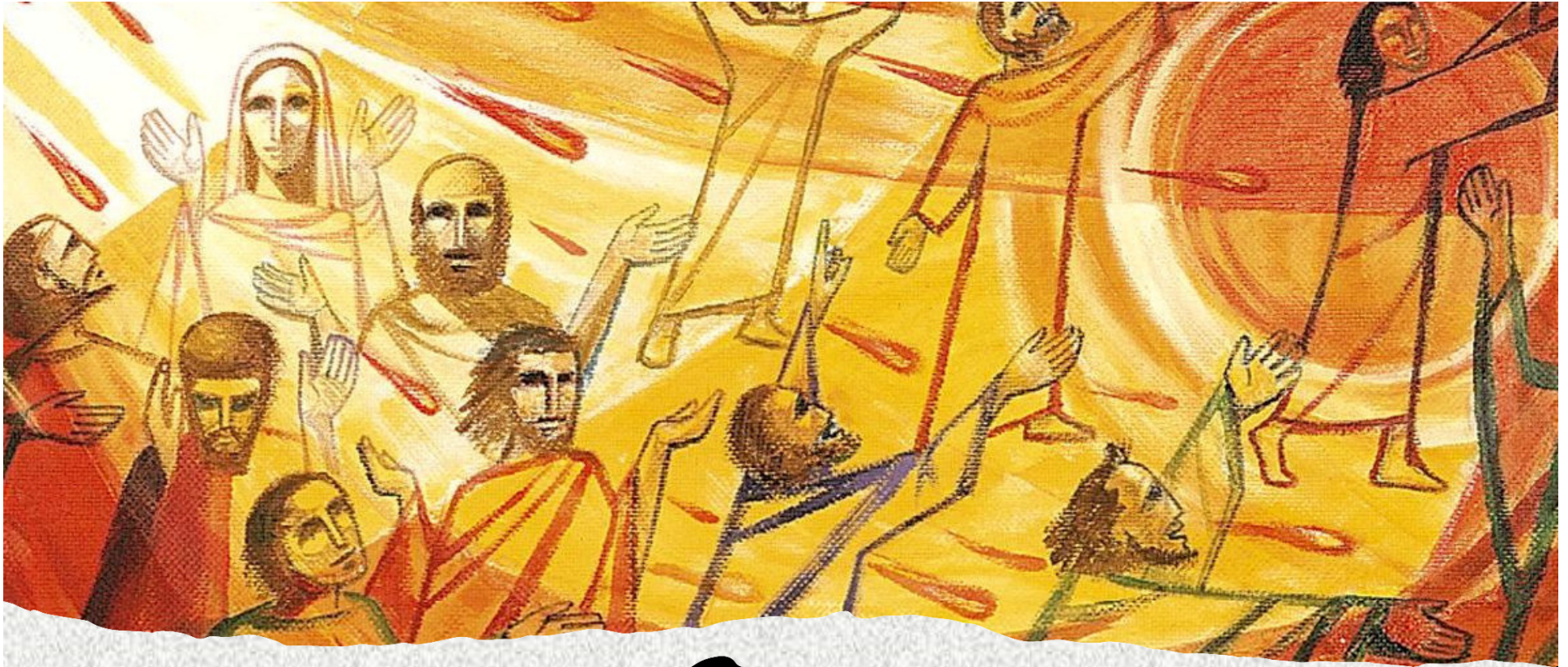


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“Last night I experienced something new: an extraordinary meal from a singularly unexpected source. To say that both the meal and its maker challenged my preconceptions about fine cooking is a gross understatement. They have rocked me to my core. In the past, I have made no secret of my disdain for chef Gusteau’s famous motto, ‘Anyone can cook.’ But I realize, only now, do I truly understand what he meant. Not everyone can become a great artist. But a great artist can come from anywhere. It is difficult to imagine more humble origins than those of the genius now cooking at Gusteau’s who is, in this critic’s opinion, nothing less than the finest chef in France. I will be returning to Gusteau’s soon, hungry for more.”







## Holy Spirit in Acts

- Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to **indicate** by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. (Acts 11:27 – 28)
- And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit **said**, ‘Set apart for me Barnabus and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ (Acts 13:2)





# Holy Spirit in Acts

But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him

[Elymas the magician], and **said**, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud...”  
(Acts 13:9 - 10)



# Holy Spirit in Acts

- And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. And it came about that in Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and **spoke** in such a manner that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of Greeks. (Acts 13:51 – 14:1)



## Holy Spirit in Acts

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They passed through  
the Phrygian and  
Galatian region,  
having been  
forbidden by the  
Holy Spirit to **speak**  
the word in  
Asia...(Acts 16:6)







# Holy Spirit in Acts

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, and he was mighty in the Scriptures... But when Priscilla and Aquila **heard** him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately...and when he had arrived...he **powerfully refuted** the Jews in public, **demonstrating** by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. (Acts 18:24 – 28)





## Holy Spirit in Acts

And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples...And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began **speaking with tongues and prophesying**. (Acts 19:1 – 6)

# Holy Spirit in Acts

- For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus... From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them ... ‘And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly **testifies** to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me...Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:16 – 28)



# Holy Spirit in Acts

After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem...As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and **said**, 'This is what the Holy Spirit **says**: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" (Acts 21:4 – 11)







# Holy Spirit in Acts

Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, 'The Holy Spirit rightly **spoke** through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, saying... (Acts 28:24 – 26)

# Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts

At the Start	A Major Leader	Quotes from the OT	To Summarize How the Spirit Will Empower Speech	And Then it Happens!
Luke 4	Jesus	Isaiah 61: 1 – 2	“The <b>Spirit of the Lord</b> is upon me... <b>to preach...to proclaim...</b> ” (Luke 4:18 – 19)	Jesus preaches and proclaims. (Luke 4:20ff.)
Acts 2	Simon Peter	Joel 2: 28 – 29	“And it shall be in the last days that I will pour forth of <b>My Spirit</b> on all humankind and your sons and daughters shall <b>prophesy</b> ...I will in those days pour forth of <b>My Spirit</b> and they shall <b>prophesy.</b> ” (Acts 2:17 – 18)	Jesus’ followers proclaim and prophesy. (Acts 2:19ff.)



# Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts

- God brings forth life by speaking
- God speaks through Jesus by the Spirit
- Jesus places the Spirit in us, to speak through us





# Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts

Weigh and assess the following views based on the passages above.

“Being filled with the Holy Spirit” is most precisely:

1. A quiet experience where you are reassured of your personal, individual salvation
2. An individual loud, emotional experience where being understood by others is not important
3. A ministry experience where you coherently communicate the word of the Lord and others understand it, even if they don't agree

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- Note also Ephesians 5:18 – 20: “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled with the Spirit, speaking** to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and **making melody** with your heart to the Lord; always **giving thanks** for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.”

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Examples of Spirit-inspired speech:

- Praying and blessing (e.g. Elizabeth, Zacharias, Simeon)
- Praying and healing/exorcism (e.g. Jesus, disciples)
- Speaking in tongues (e.g. disciples at Pentecost)
- Proclaiming to a crowd (e.g. Peter, how the Old Testament has been fulfilled)
- Witnessing to Christ while under pressure (e.g. Stephen)
- Conversational evangelism and explaining Scripture (e.g. Philip)
- Encouraging and exhorting (e.g. Barnabus)
- Teaching and correcting others (e.g. Paul, Ephesian elders)
- Discernment (e.g. Paul correcting Elymas the magician)
- Predicting the future (e.g. Agabus)



# Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts

1. How do you think the Spirit tends to speak through you?
2. How might the Spirit speak through you more?
3. A Jewish proverb is: “The word is the window to the soul.” In other words, if you listen carefully to another person, you can hear a person’s motivations, passions, fears, etc. “The mouth speaks from that which fills the heart.” How has the Spirit helped you listen to others?