

The Promise of the Spirit – Acts 1:1-26

1. Introduction: (1-3)

Acts is the continuation of Jesus' deeds and words performed by the Holy Spirit through His Apostles.

2. The Promise of the Holy Spirit (4-11)

a. The Promise Requires Patience (4-7)

b. The Promise Provides Power (8)

i. Focus for the Disciples

ii. Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,	Isaiah 32:15 the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,
and you will be my witnesses	Isaiah 43:12 you are my witnesses Isaiah 44:8 you are my witnesses!
in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”	Isaiah 45:22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! Isaiah 49:6 I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

iii. Framework for the book of Acts

Jerusalem	Acts 1-7
Judea	Acts 8-9
Samaria	Acts 10-28

c. The Promise made Possible (9-11)

Warning: Two Common Errors.

- i. Activism
- ii. Pietism

3. Praying for the Promise to Come (12-14)

4. Preparing for the Promise to Come (15-26)

a. Why Did they Need to Replace Judas?

- i. To Fulfill Biblical Prophecy
- ii. To Fulfill their Mission to Jewish People
- iii. To shepherd God's flock

b. What Can we Learn from the way they made this Decision?

- i. Clear Criteria
- ii. Community Involvement
- iii. Prayer
- iv. What about Casting Lots?

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, **the Holy Spirit said**, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 15:28 For **it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us** to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:

Acts 16:6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been **forbidden by the Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia.