

Hello and welcome

I am so glad that you have decided to listen to this radio broadcast because it is not by accident. This is a divine appointment.

I pray Lord Jesus that you will anoint every word spoken and the scriptures will pierce every heart and that the Holy Spirit will bring hope to the hopeless, healing to the hurting, strength to the weak, boldness to the fearful, peace to the anxious, and salvation to the lost. I pray that God's Word will accomplish every purpose for which it has been sent. In Jesus, name amen.

There may be some of you disappointed by what has occurred in our nation's capital this last week, but as Christians we must always keep our eyes upon Jesus. The result of any election or regardless of which way the political wind is blowing is not our main focus. A Christian's main assignment remains the same. To lift up the name of Jesus and speak the truth of God's Word throughout the whole world and walk in love and win souls for Christ.

Yes I believe that we should know the political issues and the candidates and go vote our Christian conscience and demand integrity from our elected officials. Those are all things we should do within our human power to ensure that our government representatives are running the country according to the will of the people. Also, it is our duty as Christians to pray and fast and bind evil influences and call for repentance and change when we see immorality creeping into our government. But after we have done all these things humanly possible, then we must trust that God has a reason for allowing those who sit in authority over us to rule.

Many of you are saying, "Where do we go from here?" Well as I stated before as Christians our assignment has not changed. Now you can relate a little better to the way that the disciples felt when they witnessed their leader crucified and taken up to heaven. Now a political leader is not the same as Jesus Christ, but it is an example of the vacuum created when a leader is taken or removed in which you have placed hope or trust in their leadership. So how did the Bible answer the question for the disciples of where do we go from here and how did God move on their behalf after Jesus was ascended into heaven. Remember, God never gives you an assignment without also giving you all the necessary tools to accomplish that assignment. So let's look in the book of Acts and I will read directly from chapters 1-4 of the book of Acts and we will see how God intervened for the disciples.

I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives; they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. They all joined together constantly in prayer.

1 When the day of Pentecost came; they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

14 Then Peter raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the  
forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

9The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom  
the Lord our God will call."

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to  
Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. 2They were greatly  
disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the  
resurrection of the dead.

They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By  
what power or what name did you do this?"

8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the  
people! It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but  
whom God raised from the dead

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given  
to mankind by which we must be saved."

So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred  
together. 16"What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. But to stop  
this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to  
speak no longer to anyone in this name."

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all  
in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to  
listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20As for us, we cannot help speaking  
about what we have seen and heard."

After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all  
that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24When they heard this;  
they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said,  
"you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. 25You  
spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"`Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

26The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the Lord

and against his anointed one.'

27Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people  
of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you

anointed. 28They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. 29Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

So we see that when Jesus was taken from the disciples, they obeyed Jesus and remained in Jerusalem, they went to the upper room and waited and prayed in one mind and one accord, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues and when the Holy Spirit came upon them they received power and authority to be Christ witnesses to the ends of the earth. There is your answer. That is what we do now! That is the assignment!

Spiritual gifts are not for some kind of “super spiritual” person. Spiritual gifts are not mumbo jumbo spooky doctrine. Spiritual gifts are not theoretical, but they are necessary tools to perform our Christian duty and to have the boldness and power to transform the world. The Church must have the power of the Holy Spirit demonstrated or it will be ineffective against the spiritual forces of darkness. Christians will be deceived without the spiritual gifts. We are in a spiritual warfare and we must be equipped with spiritual weapons. As the return of Christ grows closer the spirit of anti-christ will accelerate and human character will deteriorate and finally become so deceived that mankind will refuse to change their ways and repent and be saved. Our assignment as Christians is to prevent people from going to hell. As the darkness covers the earth we must walk in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit. If we step away from the presence of God we will not be able to endure to the end. We must demonstrate the same boldness that Moses commanded to humble the modern day Pharaohs and to set a wicked and willful generation free from the deceptions and lies of satan. If we do not regroup and pray diligently and fast and stay in the presence of God and walk in the Holy Spirit, we will lose more than our personal liberties and freedoms, people will lose our souls. That’s right, God’s judgement will come and people will die in their sin and they will burn in hell for eternity. So dig in deeper and seek God in prayer without ceasing. Can’t keep one foot in the world and one foot in the Church. You must totally commit to God. Evil does not negotiate. Evil will not yield unless it is to a stronger power. The Church must have spiritual gifts to overcome the evil attacks and persecution that satan’s strongholds are ready to unleash. This world is like a woman going into labor and getting ready to give birth. As the time for the baby to be born gets closer, the contractions become more intense. Tribulations will come quicker and quicker and get more intense

each time. The world will not even be recovered from the last crisis and another one worse than the previous will hit hard and fast. You will have to draw so close to God and fine tune your spiritual discernment, that if the Holy Spirit leads you to turn left and not right, you will know to follow the voice of the spirit to avoid destruction.

Do you want or need the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, then you need to first accept Jesus as your savior, and then ask for and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, I repent of my sins, please forgive me and be my Lord and Savior. Now Lord Jesus I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit and give me your power and authority over all the power of satan and his evil spirits. Give me boldness and wisdom to witness and win many souls for the kingdom of God. In Jesus name.

Now find a church that performs immersion water baptism and be baptized and publicly confess Jesus as savior and read your Bible and allow yourself to be discipled and grow in the Lord daily.

Thank you for listening and go boldly in the power of the Holy Spirit.