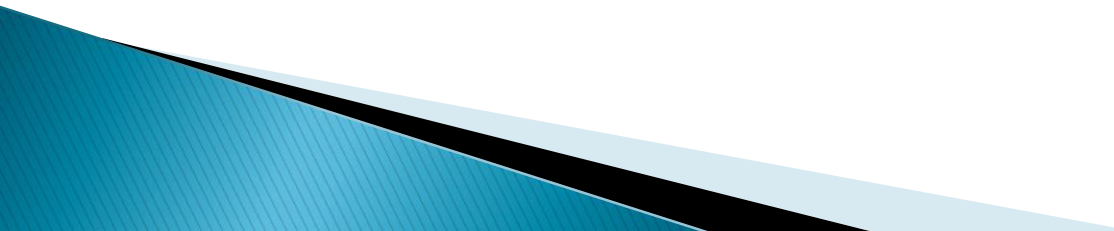



Come Expecting???

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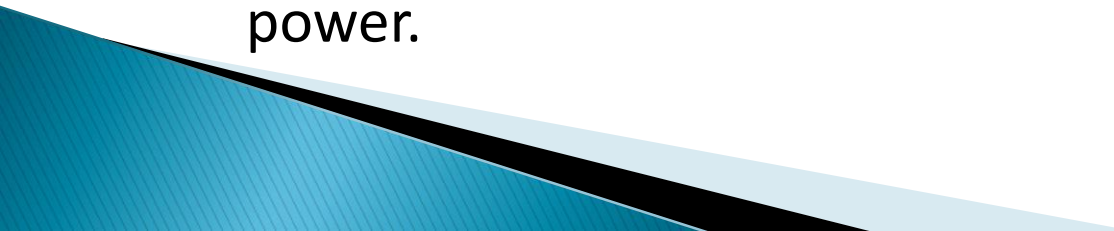
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 - ▶ **The degree of disappointment is greater or equal to the degree of expectation!**
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- ▶ **“You can’t have thunder without lightning!”**

- ▶ The major thing that Jesus did between the lightning of the incarnation and the thunder of Pentecost was to be sure his disciples understood how he would continue his ministry with them.
 - Instruction through the Holy Spirit vs. 2
 - He was truly alive vs.3
 - He talked to them about the Kingdom vs. 3
 - Wait for the gift the Father will send you vs. 4
 - You will be baptized in the Holy Spirit vs. 5

- ▶ **It is not what you know that you know, it is what you think you know that you don’t know that is the problem!**

- ▶ **Reminder:**
 - ▶ **The Strategy behind the Holy Spirit – His Kingdom!**
 - The Kingdom Jesus was talking about is a Kingdom based on love, **new life and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit!**

 - ▶ **Timing.... Is it at this time?**
 - When are you expecting this.....?
 - ALL Timing is in God's hands!
 - Oswald Chambers put this into perspective. We are in danger of forgetting that we cannot do what God can do and that God will not do what we can do. It's in the duration of time, that we do what we can do; the propitious(favorable) intervention to do what only he can do will be done on His timing and by His power.
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▶ **The Ascension - Acts 1:9-11**

- An Essential part of our church doctrine!

▶ **The Event and the Response!**

- Both are related to the descending of the divine to the human so that the human could be ascended to the divine.
 - Put another way, from the early church fathers, “Christ became what we are in order to make us what he is.”
- ▶ **10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them.**
- 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"**

▶ The challenge for the disciples! The challenge for us!

- Believe

- Worship

- Purpose

- Understanding

- Power

- Think with me!

- All of the O.T. Prophecies concerning Jesus.

- Those close and those far away didn't get it!

- Many today still don't believe!!!

- What about this person – The Holy Spirit!

- ▶ The person whom Joel had prophesied about! – Joel 2:28–32
- ▶ The person John the Baptist spoke about! – Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16
- ▶ The person even Jesus himself had spoken about! – John 14:15–31

- ▶ Do you think they had, even an idea, or an expectation about this promised gift, and being baptized in the Holy Spirit?

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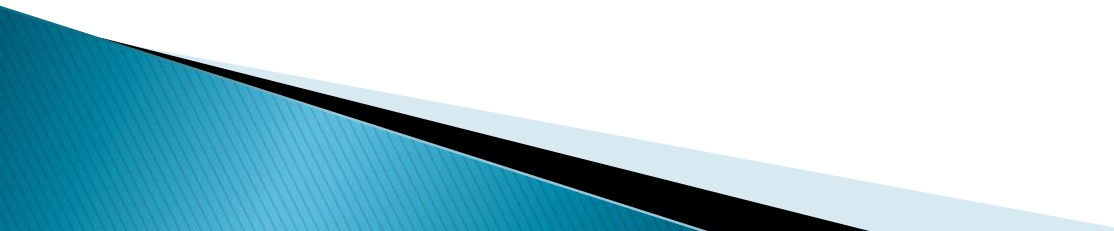
▶ **THE APOSTLE'S CREED** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

▶ **THE NICENE CREED** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: Who for us, too, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, and was buried: the third day He rose according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son: Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the age to come. Amen.

▶ **Believe is part of preparing**

▶ **Preparing for the Promise** - Acts 1:12-14 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. 13 When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), and Judas (son of James). 14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

- Over 2,000 years ago, 40 days after the Resurrection, there was a time of great uncertainty in the minds of Jesus' disciples.
- Right now, is a time of great uncertainty for us, as well.

- ▶ **They Obeyed** – the apostles and other followers returned to Jerusalem.
 - ▶ **They Prayed** – they met together and were constantly united in prayer
 - ▶ **They waited** – Issue of timing?
 - ▶ **They Prepared** – vs. 15–26 a replacement for Judas
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