
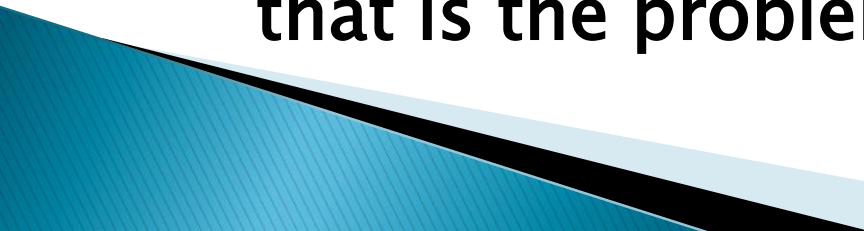


Come Expecting???

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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 - ▶ What are you expecting from Jesus now?
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 - ▶ WHOM ARE YOU EXPECTING?
 - ▶ **The degree of disappointment is greater or equal to the degree of expectation!**
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- ▶ 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.
 - Acts 1:1-5
 - 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!**
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▶ 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!!!

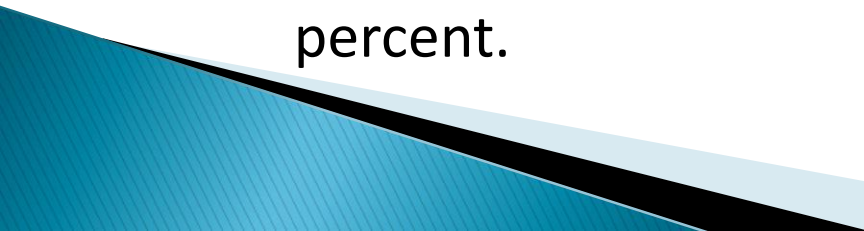
- What about this person – The Holy Spirit!

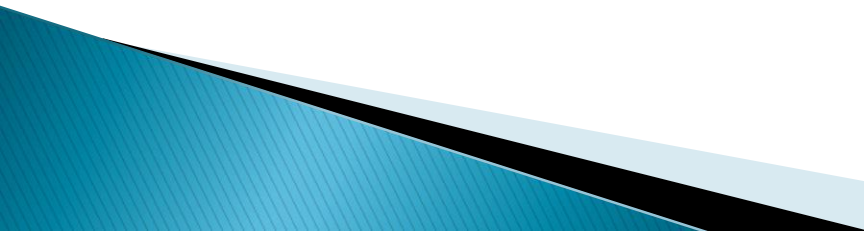
- ▶ The person whom Joel had prophesied about! – Joel 2:28–32
- ▶ The person John the Baptist spoke about! – Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16
- ▶ The person even Jesus himself had spoken about! – John 14:15–31

- ▶ What about us?

- Do we Believe Our God is a God of the Supernatural?
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- In our Worship do we thank the Lord for the Supernatural?
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- The Purpose of the Supernatural is His Kingdom!
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- Do we Understand the connection between the Holy Spirit and the Supernatural?
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- Have we received the Power of the Holy Spirit coming within and upon us?

- ▶ What about the Miracles in the Bible?
 - Old Testament – 83
 - Can we name some?
 - New Testament – 81
 - Can we name some?

 - ▶ How Common do we think Miracles are today?
 - Lee Strobel, from *The Miracles Answer Book*
 - Interestingly, half of US adults (51 percent) said they believe that the miracles of the Bible happened as they are described. The numbers, however, were lower among millennials (ages eighteen to thirty) compared to baby boomers (ages fifty to sixty-eight) by 43 percent versus 55 percent.
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- ▶ Asked whether miracles are possible today, two out of three Americans (67 percent) said yes, with only 15 percent saying no. The others weren't sure. Again, there were generational differences, with young adults less likely (61 percent) to believe than boomers (73 percent).
 - ▶ I was interested in what was generating the skepticism of those who don't think miracles can occur these days. The biggest reasons turned out to be a lack of belief in the supernatural (44 percent) and the contention that modern science has ruled out the possibility of miracles (20 percent). While only 12 percent of those age sixty-nine and older cited science as their obstacle, that number doubled among millennials.
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- ▶ A surprising number of Americans believe God has intervened supernaturally in their lives.
- ▶ As it turns out, *nearly two out of five US adults (38 percent) said they have had such an experience* — which by extrapolation means that an eye popping *94,792,000* Americans are convinced that God has performed at least one miracle for them personally.² (Based on 2016 US government estimate of the population over the age of eighteen at 249,454,440.)
- ▶ Even weeding out instances that were actually just coincidences, as many of those undoubtedly would be, that still leaves a surprising number of seemingly supernatural events. Among various age groups, the data stayed fairly consistent: 35.5 percent among millennials and 39.7 percent among boomers.

- ▶ **The conclusion? It seems that miracles are not nearly as rare as we might assume.**
- ▶ **John 14:12-17** "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. 13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!
- ▶ 15 "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

- ▶ **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. NLT
- ▶ **James 1:17** Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. NLT
- ▶ **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NLT

▶ **Come Holy Spirit!!**

▶ **Can God still raise people from the dead today?**

▶ **What about us?**

- Do we believe that our God is still a God of the Supernatural?
- Do we believe it is through the Holy Spirit that God works in us?
- Have we asked the Holy Spirit to come upon us and within us?
 - Acts 19:1-7
- Are we asking the Lord to use and move through us with the supernatural?
- Are we listening and Obeying?

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