

FORMATION OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

In our last study we introduced the Advent of The Holy Spirit into biblical history of which the Jesus' Baptism of The Holy Spirit was part.

What is interesting is the Holy Spirit introduced the ADVENT of Jesus as the Christ at the beginning of His incarnation (Luke Ch.1-3); and that Jesus Christ introduced the ADVENT of the Holy Spirit at the end of it! (John Chapters13-17)

This lesson will study four aspects of the Formation of the Church in world by Jesus' baptism of the Holy Spirit (Book of Acts)

1. The doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ connects the ministry of The Holy Spirit with the Advent of Jesus Christ.

(Rom.8:11) "But if (1cc) the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

The Holy Spirit connects the Jewish festival of First Fruits to Pentecost (Lev.23; Acts 2:32-39).

Jesus' baptism of The Holy Spirit will begin when He is seated in Session in Heaven (John 16:7-8).

The **resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead by The Holy Spirit carried with it the promise to every Church Age Believer (CAB) of the **Indwelling of The Holy Spirit** at moment of their salvation (1 Cor.15:34; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; Gal.3:2-3; 1 Cor.6:19-20).

The indwelling will occur because of Jesus' baptism of The Holy Spirit (John 16:7-8; 15:26-27) "when He comes"

The Indwelling of The Holy Spirit is 1 of 8 ministries of the Spirit at moment of grace salvation. This is called the Baptism by The Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:13) rather than Jesus' Baptism of The Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5).

2. The key doctrine connected to Jesus' baptism of The Holy Spirit was the formation of the church beginning at Pentecost (Acts 1:1-8).

Many bible students forget that Acts is volume two of Luke's writing of canonized Scriptures. (compare Luke 24:45-53 to Acts 1-2)

When you read the Book of Acts, you discover Jesus' baptism of the Spirit involved the incorporation of believers into the church as the body of Christ in world. The first Jewish believers assembled came into the church of Jesus Christ (ekklesia)

- (Acts 1:15) 120 incorporated
- (Acts 2:4) 3,000 added

- (Acts 2:47) Many added daily
- (Acts 4:4) Grew to 5,000

3. When you study the Book of Acts, Jesus first incorporated:

- The assembly of Jewish believers (Acts 2)
- Samaritans (Acts 8)
- Gentiles (Acts 10-11)
- Finally, dispersed disciples of John the Baptist (Acts 19).

Paul is sent on his 1st missionary trip (1st MET) from the Gentile Christian Church of Antioch of Syria (Acts 13-14). This incorporated the racial mixed body of believers that were discussed at the first Church conference (Acts 15; Gal.3:26-29).

It is obvious that even before Acts 19 (Paul's 3rd MET) (Acts 18:23-20:33), (ekklesia) (this type assembly of believers) was commonly referred to as the Church.

What was happening in the Book of Acts is Jesus' baptism of The Holy Spirit incorporating believers into the Church in the world (Eph.1:20-23; Heb.10:25).

4. Jesus' baptism of The Holy Spirit incorporated the racial mixed Jewish Age believers into the one body of Christ, now the Church Age Church.

Once the church was incorporated in the world, The Holy Spirit took the sole responsibility of baptizing every Church Age Believer into both Christ and the church (Gal.3:27; Rom.6:3 and 1 Cor.12:12-13) [The Doctrine of Positional Truth].

It is important that you study the different baptisms of The Holy Spirit associated with Jesus and their distinctions.

For example:

- John the Baptist Water and Spirit baptism of deity (John 1:30-34)
- Jesus Christ (Luke 4:16-21)