

## Acts Chapter 29 – Part 2

*“We Have Been Given More Than We're Livin’”*

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**Welcome to The Well** of Christ, where the life giving water Jesus gives, **never runs dry.**

WE are not a church, but a ministry. We don't want to be a typical Sunday morning service where you do your religious duty and go home and your time here has made no impact to your life. We want to teach you the word of God and not just get into the bible but let the bible get into you. We want you to be able to interact ask questions and learn how to live this Christianity out in our everyday lives.

Our Sunday mornings teachings will be more about the basics of Christianity. Our target in our community is the ones who have rarely been to church, because of fear they are not good enough, or have been hurt by “church people” or just plain don't want to be a part of the hypocrisy.

**We will be holding** small group studies That equip you for life – now and eternally.

**Our current studies** are on Tuesday eves at 6-7:30pm Reading thru the Bible/discussion

Thurs. eve at 6-7:30pm we are starting a new study Self-Centeredness: the source of all Grief. This study will teach you that love, joy, and peace can be yours no matter what situations you face.

Also; this Friday at 6:00-10:00pm Ignite the Fire at The blue River Park, Music, preaching, teaching and testimonies, with salvations, prayer and healings. Bring a lawn chair and a un churchd friend and join us!

Our children's church will be for ages 3-10 (We hope as we grow we will have someone volunteer for a youth class for 11-15 yr old.) but until that happens 11 yrs old and up will need to sit in here quietly with their parents.

Also want to emphasis the importance of doing your best to be on time. We want to honor this time that we have together in God's house to worship and study His word. Come earlier and visit because we all enjoy spending this time with each other and with Him.

So let's get started, stand and worship Him with our praise!

**Video: Joy in the House of the Lord**

AS we get started on our lesson today, let's do a little background work here. Remember last week when I mentioned that Jesus "was a really big deal"? Well, not only was He the most renowned teacher in all of history, and no one has done all the miraculous healing, signs and wonders He did. But let's look at a few more things that proved He was who the prophets of the Old Testament foretold, the Son of God.

**Did you know** that it is recorded in the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke that at Christ's crucifixion that darkness covered the whole land for 3 hrs in the middle of the day?

*Read Matt.27:45* One day I'll show you a video that helps us to know why it got dark but we'll save that for another time.

**and as He died** and released His spirit an earthquake hit the city and the veil was torn in the temple. **Read Matt.27:50-51** from the teachings I have heard, this veil that was in the temple separated the people from the presence of God. Because at this point they still had to sacrifice lambs and goats or calves and use their blood to cover over the sins of the people. And only the priests that had been ceremonially cleansed could go into the Holy of Holies where the presence of God rested. This curtain was like 6" thick and there is no way that any human hands could have torn it from the top to the bottom. But this was **God's way of demonstrating** that because of the sacrifice Christ paid on that cross by shedding His blood for our sins, that we would no longer have to sacrifice animals, that we would now have full access to God, no longer separated from Him, or have to go to the priests to have your sins forgiven. This was really good news, tho it was very hard for them to accept. **But even the** Romans that didn't even believe in God knew there was something about this man that was out of the ordinary!

*Read Matt 27:54* Jesus truly is the Son of God. But the story continues! He was crucified on that Friday morning and buried by that late afternoon.

Then, we read **that on that Sunday morning** that some of the women came to the tomb to put spices on the body and they are terrified when two shining angels tell them; *Read Luke 24:5-8*

Then later that day **Read John 20:19-20** Can you imagine? You saw Him arrested, beaten, crucified, His side pierced with a sword just to make sure He was dead. He was put in a tomb with a huge stone rolled in front of it and heavily guarded by Roman soldiers. And now He's standing here in front of you totally well and talking to you.

And then it gets even more crazy! I only find this recorded in the book of Matthew

**Read Matt. 27:52-53** Jesus not only rose from the dead, but this says many others did too! And walked around and appeared to many people! I haven't watched many of the new Bible movies, have they portrayed this part in the movies? Wouldn't you have thought that was a pretty big deal?

### Read Acts 1:3

Then He hangs out with his disciples, and many other people, off and on for the next 40 days proving to them He is the Son of God and teaching them about the kingdom of God. And to top it all off, He does this **Read Acts 1:9-11** They watched Him ascend into heaven and then the angels appeared and gave them further instruction.

The point I'm trying to make here is that there is **a reason our historic time** is split BC and AD, **“Jesus really is a big deal”! You should want to get to know Him!**

In all this information about the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, *What event did I mention that helped you trust Him a little more today?*

But even after the disciples and their followers had seen that Jesus was raised from the dead, talking to them for 40 days, that still wasn't enough for them to be empowered to carry on Christ's example and spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. That's why he told them to not leave Jerusalem because the promised Holy Spirit would meet them there. **Read Act 1:4-5, 8**

Which takes us to where we left off last week.

Let's take a deeper look at a three of these words we just read; baptize, Holy Spirit and power.

Dictionary.com defines **baptize** as; (1)To immerse in water . Have you ever **washed a piece** of clothing like in a sink? You fill up the sink with some water and soap and then you “immerse in water” your clothing to wash away the dirt that has accumulated on it. You just baptized your shirt! LOL Part 2 of the baptize definition is;

**to cleanse spiritually; initiate or dedicate by purifying.**

**Did you know that** we are a three part being? We have a body, a soul which is our mind will and emotions and then we have a spirit. The part of us that will live for eternity, either in heaven with God or separated from Him..forever... in hell. We have all been handed down the sin-nature, separated from God because of when Adam and Eve chose to sin against God. We all need to be “cleansed spiritually” to be reborn or reunited with Father God. Well, when we say yes to Jesus and He **spiritually makes us a new creation** in Christ, we are cleansed spiritually and “washed clean” from our sin-nature and given a divine nature to live our lives for Christ. Then our part in this change is to “initiate” discipline in our lives and be “dedicated” to becoming Christ-like and live our lives God's ways.

We then will do a **physical baptism** where we “Immerse” our body in water, representing the change and the cleansing that happened on the inside. We are committing to have repented of our sins and turned our hearts and lives to Christ. We usually do baptisms publicly so as to

proclaim to our family and friends that we have made a commitment to follow Christ. Plus, we do baptisms because Jesus commanded us to.

### **Read Matt. 28:19-20**

Even Jesus was baptized to be our example of a soul surrendered to following God's ways

**Holy Spirit** – He's the third person in the Godhead, **That's Father God**, Jesus the Son and Holy Spirit, which all live in a spiritual world called heaven. . Also called the Trinity. Tri – which means 3. Then unity – 3 in complete unity with each other.

I've heard the Godhead described as; say you see Father God. And you ask, "where's Jesus"? And He steps out of the inside of the Father. Then you ask, "where's HS"? And He steps out of the Father. Then they step back in or step out as they choose to go about. Jesus backs this up in His prayer He prayed to the Father before He was tried and crucified. **Read John 17:20-22** And so this is describing to us that we also are in Him and He is in us. (mind blowing)

Ok, back to Holy Spirit. I've heard Him described as a layered being. If you took a book and each page was a transparent layer of itself, that is a description of Him. Unlimited layers of Himself distributed not only in every believer but everywhere at all times. This is how He knows everything. He is a gift, **a treasure that God** gives us when we say yes to Jesus. As we see in our earlier pictures, Holy Spirit moves into and replaces our old sin laden spirit and makes us walk to walk divine nature. Now imagine that this Gift carries slivers of particles of the very Creator, His nature, His heart for you and His plans for you. The wisdom of the Ancient of Days. And with your maturity, this Gift will increase His activity in your life and take on the role of Friend and Guide, flowing through you to invite others to know Him. Flowing thru you to heal your hurts, habits and hang ups. To heal your body and lay your hands on others and they be healed. But not without :

**Power** – from the very throne room of heaven to save you from satan's destruction, to save you from yourself, to restore your broken pieces, to heal your broken body. **Power to strengthen** you beyond what you thought possible. To give you courage, boldness, confidence, insight, ability and authority. *Courage* to face whatever this life happens to throw at us. *Boldness* to stand up for what is good and right according to God's ways. *Confidence* that if God is for you then who can be against you. *Insight* to know which way God is leading you to or from. *Ability* to stand up against any persecution against your faith that you may face. *Authority* over any demon from hell that would try to trip you up and try to keep you from the destiny God has planned for you! We need this power to fulfill the mission that we have been given. To bring His kingdom come His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Remember, I asked you to look up Acts Chapter 29. What did we discover? **That YOU are Acts Chapter 29!** You have been given the same co-mission that Christ gave His disciples; be

baptized with the Holy Spirit, which gives you power to be His witnesses to Shelbyville, Shelby county, Johnson county. Marion county and to the ends of the earth!

We worship a pretty awesome God don't we? Did I blow your mind today? Good! **Cause He is so** much more than what we've been letting Him live on the inside of us. We have got to get out of the way and let Him rule this life. Our country and our world is falling apart and God has left us here to be His change agents. And thru the baptism of the Holy Spirit that we will talk more about next week, we can begin to be those change agents that He has left us on the earth to be.

And this Thursday eve at 6:00 will be a good place to start Getting self-centeredness out of the way so we can be used of God the way He intended. Let me know if you are interested in coming so I can send you the intro video to give you a good start on the book study.

Let us pray!

Tell one thing from baptism, Holy Spirit or power you have never heard before?

What is one thing you can apply because of that revelation?