

DAY 5 – WE MUST WAIT TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And while being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’”

Acts 1:4–5 (NKJV)

The verses in Acts 1:4–5 are set in the context of the disciples waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

In this passage, Jesus commands them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father’s promise, which He had spoken to them about earlier.

This promise from the Father refers to the Holy Spirit, who would empower them to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

This promise is foundational in the life of every believer, because it is through the Holy Spirit that we experience a transformed life and become usable instruments for God to carry His message to others.

Furthermore, the fact that Jesus commanded them to wait in Jerusalem for this promise reminds us that obedience is key in the Christian life.

Many times, we want to take control of our own lives and do things our way— but God’s will is that we obey Him and wait on Him.

Application for Our Lives:

This verse challenges us to wait on God and trust that He will fulfill His promises in our lives.

We all face situations where we become impatient and want to take control— but we must remember that our confidence must be in God, and that He has a perfect plan for each of us.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

Why do you think God often makes us wait?

Why do you think God made the disciples wait, when He could have sent the Holy Spirit immediately after His ascension?

What does our obedience to God and His commands reveal?