

HOW CAN I LIVE THE LIFE I WANT?

“Waiting is So Hard!”

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Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8

“When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled. Then, he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:44-45 NLT)

“You are witnesses of all these things.” (Luke 24:48 NLT)

1. THE **PROMISE** OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: (Luke 24:49)

“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions....and I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth.” (Joel 2:28-30a NLT)

“I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am...so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (Matthew 3:11 NLT)

“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised.” (Luke 24:49 NLT)

A. The Holy Spirit is *Available* to All People.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who will lead you into all truth.” (John 14:15-17a NLT)

B. The Holy Spirit is Received *After* Conversion.

C. The Holy Spirit Will *Affect* Your Life.

2. THE **POWER** OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: (Luke 24:49)

“But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.” (Luke 24:49 NLT)

A. *Preparation* is a Necessity.

B. *Prayer* is a Necessity.

C. *Power* is a Necessity.

John 6:22-35

“This is the only work God wants from you. Believe in the one he has sent.” (v. 29 NLT)

3. THE ***PRODUCTIVITY*** OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: (Acts 1:4-8)

A. The ***Purpose*** of the Church.

“And you will be my witnesses ..”

B. The ***Program*** of the Church.

“...telling people about me everywhere---in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”