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Introduction:

- This is part six of our series on the grace of the apostles or apostolic grace.
 - The purpose of this series is to look at the grace that Apostles brought to the early church.
 - Our goal of the series is to see the benefits that apostolic grace brings to the local church.
 - What better place to study that grace than in the Book of Acts or as many Bibles read, The Acts of the Apostles.
- We looked at Acts 17:6 Apostolic grace turns the world upside down/Disturbance. The goal is to penetrate a sin darkened world with the light of Gospel of Jesus Christ/ with Truth! Truth trumps darkness every time. Apostolic grace brings out the warrior in us to confront darkness and change our world!
- We looked Jn 20:21, As the Father sent me so I send you. We saw that as Christians we are sent with the message of new life in Christ. We are most beautiful when we are doing that. And we are most compelling to unbelievers when we walk with that ‘sent’ motivation on our insides.
- Weeks 3 & 4 we understood by the word of God that apostolic grace residing in a local church not only sends them out with a mission but it empowers us a ambassador of God. Ambassadors see the opportunity and seize it, recognize the obligation and fulfill it, and live with opposition and overcome it.
- **The church that is apostolic in nature has a very unique relationship with the Holy Spirit.** I want us to look again at the Holy Spirit and the early church.
- The book of Acts is not only the acts of the apostles, but the acts of the risen, living Jesus. It is the acts of the risen Jesus expressed through Spirit filled believers. The book of Acts is the acts of the people of God touched by apostolic grace.

1. Act One: Fill Them First

- a. Jesus wanted His church to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. It was a promise from the Father given through the OT prophets. ie. Ezk 36:26,27. Luke 24:29 “*And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.*”
 - i. What is the baptism of Holy Spirit? The essence of being baptized with the Holy Spirit is when a person, who is already a believer, receives extraordinary spiritual power for Christ-exalting ministry. So let me try to show you the reasons why I think this is the heart of the matter. Jesus knew they had to have Holy Spirit baptism:
 1. For power. Dynamis power -
 - a. Words of this stem all have the basic sense of ability or capability. *dýnamai* means a. “to be able” in a general sense, b. “to be able” with reference to the attitude that makes one able, hence sometimes “to will,” and c. (of things) “to be equivalent to,” “to count as,” “to signify.” *dynatós* means “one who has ability or power,” “one who is powerful”; the neuter adjective signifies “what is possible or practicable.” *dynatéō* means “to have great ability.”¹
 - b. It was the power to produce evidence, to convince the jury (who so ever)!
 2. For Witness
 - a. They weren’t going witnessing! They were the witnesses. There very life told the story and told it very well.
 - b. For this reason the witness of his disciples is that God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power (Acts 10:38). He went about doing good, and healing all who were

¹ Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.

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oppressed of the devil. As apostolic people we now have that anointing and we are to be going about doing good and healing.

3. For Joel 2:28/ Acts 2:17 fulfillment. Peter said, This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel!
4. It is described as a special power for ministry fillings. One baptism but many subsequent fillings that results in many WILD THINGS by the Holy Spirit.
- b. Jesus had to fill them first. Who? His apostles and His first church. (120 upper room Christians)
 - i. Acts 1: Stay in Jerusalem until you receive the promise. 120 gather not just the 12. 108 others did not want to miss out! That is hunger.
 - ii. Acts 2:1-4! The church is born!
 1. They received power
 2. They became witnesses
 3. Jesus fulfilled Joel 2:28
 4. Descriptions of the power began to fill news! Wild things of the Spirit.
 - a. Acts 2, HS come and 3000 are saved.
 - b. Acts 3, Peter heals a cripple/saw the opportunity to preach now 5000 men are saved.
 - c. Acts 4, Peter filled with the HS takes on the Pharisees.
 - d. Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira lie to the HS and die!
 - e. Acts 5:12, All the apostles are working miracles. And Peter shadow is healing people on the streets.
 - f. Acts 5, they are jailed and but an angel springs them out.
 - g. Acts 9:17, Ananias takes word of Lord to Saul and Saul receives the Holy Spirit.
 - h. Acts 9, Peter goes to Lydda, heals a paralytic and the whole town is saved.
 - i. Acts 9, Peter goes to Joppa, raise a woman from the dead and many believe.
 5. Note to self: Self, these are wild things of the spirit and not of the flesh. The difference is that Wild Spirit things draw attention to God and not to the person. These wild things are things that were initiated by the Spirit and completed by the Spirit.
- c. What happened after this was Act 2.
2. **Act Two: Let Them Fill Others**
 - a. When the apostles and the early church were filled it went like wild fire every where! The Holy Spirit started leaping over racial and cultural boundaries! God is now filling gentiles!
 - b. Acts 8, (Phillip) the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit. "Oh no, not the Samaritans." And then Phillip gets translate to another location.
 - c. Acts 10 Peter goes to an Italian soldiers house and his family and friends hear the Gospel and receive the Holy Spirit. It is official! God is now baptizing gentiles in the Holy Spirit.
 - d. Paul in Ephesus Acts 19. Finds 12 men and gets them baptized in Holy Spirit and now the whole city is falling to this move of God.
3. **Act Three: Don't Ever Stop Filling**
 - a. Why do we need the Holy Spirit and this Apostolic grace?
 - i. Because 'church' has become the activity inside a building lead by professionals instead of the transforming agent it has been called to be.
 - ii. Most of the miracles of Acts happened outside of the walls of the local church. There were powerful moves of the Spirit on the streets. The sick were laid in the streets in hopes that Peters shadow would fall on them and they would be healed.

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- iii. Without the Holy Spirit and apostolic grace the church has become: self actualize, self motivating, self empowering and self helping. We need the thunder of heaven moving us into the streets.
- b. We need the baptism of the Holy Spirit because He takes Saints out of the upper room and into the open fields white unto harvest.
 - i. When the Holy Spirit came in the Upper room cleared out.
 - ii. When the Holy Spirit came in racist spirits went out.
 - iii. When the Holy Spirit came it the light went out...INTO ALL THE WORLD!
 - iv. When the Holy Spirit comes in the Saints Go out into all the world starting with their sphere of influence. They Holy Spirit strong in the local church is the #1 mark of the church walking in Apostolic grace because they are a people sent to be witnesses, transforming culture and expanding the Kingdom of God.
- c. You need the Holy Spirit and here is how you can receive today.
 - i. Jn 7:37-39 You are destined to have rivers of living water flow from you. And it is for whoever believes to receive this. *By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*
 - ii. You need to ask, Lk 11:11-13 The Father desire to give good gifts to those who ask. H.S.
 - iii. You need to believe.