



# THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 8:14-17

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**Acts 8:14** Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, **16** for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (ESV)

**1. Know** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.14-17)

**2. Understand** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.17)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 16:7-11**. Describe some of the specific realizations and emotions that were associated with the Spirit's work in producing these convictions in your life.
2. Read **Colossians 1:3-8** and **1Thessalonians 4:9-10**. What aspects of your love for other Christians can you sincerely say have been generated or empowered by God's Spirit working in your life?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** and **Romans 12:3-8**. How would you explain your commitment, dedication, service, and sacrifice for your church, to someone who is surprised or even baffled by them?
4. Read **Hebrews 2:14-15** and **2 Corinthians 5:1-5**. How would you testify to the difference the Holy Spirit has made in your view of your own death?
5. Read **Romans 8:12-17**. What assurances has God's Spirit objectively and subjectively provided you that you are God's and that your eternity is secured?

*This Week's  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
1Kgs.19-20 & Jn.2

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
1Kgs.21-22 & Jn.3:1-21

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
2Kgs.1-3 & Jn.3:22-36

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
2Kgs.4-5 & Jn.4:1-30

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**  
2Kgs.6-8 & Jn.4:31-54

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
2Kgs.9-11 & Jn.5:1-24

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
2Kgs.12-14 & Jn.5:25-47

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
2Kgs.15-17 & Jn.6:1-21

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- Msg. 19-32 – **The Miraculous Launch of His Church**
- Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 13-58 – **The Indwelling & Sealing of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 19-27 – **The Royal Task: Serious About Our Assignment**
- Msg. 13-59 – **The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts**
- Msg. 13-56 – **The Titles and Emblems of the Holy Spirit**
- Msg. 04-21 – 04-25 – **Untwisting the Tongues Issue** (a five-part series on 1 Cor.14)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bavinck, Herman. **Saved by Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration**. RH Books, 2013.
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