

Ecclesiology 101: Jesus Begins the Church

Jesus Promises the Church

1. **Matthew 16:13-20 (18) – The CREATION of the Church**

¹⁸ "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

- **The Church is future, certain, and will be undefeatable.**

2. **Matthew 18:15-20 (17) – The RELATION of the Church**

¹⁷ "And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

- **We are responsible for each other and are accountable to each other.**

3. **Matthew 28:18-20 – The MISSION of the Church**

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."

- **Make disciples of all nations (going, baptizing, & teaching to observe)**

4. **Acts 1:4-11 – The POWER of the Church**

⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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1. **Jesus Explains the Future _____ of the Spirit**

John 16:7-14 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you."

2. **Jesus Instructs the Apostles to _____ for the Spirit**

Luke 24:49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5 And 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; ⁵ "for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**" (cf. 1:8)

- a. **Jesus _____ the Spirit.**

- b. **Jesus _____ working until the coming of the Spirit.**

3. **Jesus _____ the Church with the Spirit**

Acts 2:1-17 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

- a. **The Spirit _____ as Jesus promised.**

- b. **The Spirit gave the _____ to speak in other languages.**

- c. **The Spirit gave them the _____ to speak.**

4. **Peter Ties _____ with Receiving the Spirit**

Acts 2:38-47 ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and **you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** ... ⁴⁰ ... "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized ... ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common...

5. **Peter Looks _____ at the Beginning of the Church**

Acts 11:15-17 "And as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.** ¹⁶ "Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, '**John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**' ¹⁷ "If therefore **God gave them the same gift as He gave us** when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

- a. **Holy Spirit fell upon them as upon us at the beginning = Pentecost**

- b. **Peter equates Pentecost with baptism of the Holy Spirit**

- c. **Any Spirit activity proved these believers rec'd Spirit baptism also**

- d. **The "fire" part had not happened at Pentecost – just Spirit baptism**

6. **Paul Explains the _____ of the Church**

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

- a. **We are _____ into the Spirit and into the body of Christ.**

1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

- b. **We are _____ by the Spirit permanently.**

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **The Church began with the _____ of the Spirit at Pentecost.**
- **The Church is _____ in one body by the Spirit.**