

ACTS

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS ➤

Approach
with
humility
and
joy



A HELPFUL FRAME



1. Our Role Model is Jesus

1 John 2:6

This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him **must live as Jesus did.**

2 We all need to
be Frequently
filled by the spirit

Compare: **Acts 2:4**

**“...And they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit...”**

& Acts 4:31

**“..and they were all filled with the
Holy Spirit...”**

Eph 5:18 AMP

“but ever be filled *and* stimulated
with the [Holy] Spirit”



3 THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK

cannot be Removed from
our conversion

New birth comes through the work of the Spirit: **John 3**

The presence of the Spirit shows we belong to Christ
Rom 8:9&10





4 We can all have gaps

1 Thes 3:9-10

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Acts 8 Backstory

Persecution spread the church

The Samaritans: A despised people

Acts 1

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 8

- ⁴ Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8

- ⁹ Now for some time a man named Simon had practised sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, ¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, 'This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.' ¹¹ They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.

Acts 8

- ¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptised, both men and women. ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptised. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.



Acts 8

- ¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Does this
passage teach
that believers need
a second blessing
experience?



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The point is this: whether Luke expects these kinds of effects to happen in one initiatory receiving of the Holy Spirit or in a two step process with "baptism in the Holy Spirit" after conversion, or in an ongoing sequence of fillings (or some combination of these three), one thing is clear...

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...Luke expects the receiving of the Holy Spirit (however we receive him) to be a real, identifiable experience of the living God, not just a logical inference from a human act of will.

Am I
actually
experiencing
the power and
presence of the
Holy Spirit in my
life?

