

***I Will Build My Church***  
**PART I: THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**  
Acts 1:1-5, 2:1-4

The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.

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**I. Understanding the Setting**

## II. Understanding the Spirit

### **Into the Bible:**

1. In verse 6 of Acts 1 the disciples ask Jesus if he is now going to restore the kingdom to Israel. They prove once again how hard it is for them to think beyond their cultural expectations as Jews. More problems would arise in the early church because of this. Christ has not been unclear about his intentions, however. How did Christ open this up for them in Matthew 16:18 and in the parable given in Luke 5:36-38?
2. The promise of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled at Pentecost. Peter points to this by citing the Old Testament prophecy in Joel 2:28-32. The request made by David in Psalm 51:11 no longer applies to us though. Why not? (John 16:7-8, Matthew 28:20)

## **Application:**

3. In Acts 1:8 Christ tells his disciples to start in Jerusalem with the proclamation of the gospel, but to go from there to the “ends of the earth”. How does the gift of tongues in chapter 2 aid the disciples to see this as possible? How do Philippians 4:19 and 2 Corinthians 9:8 encourage us in the same endeavor?

## **For Families:**

4. Talk with your children about how the church is the people God has called and not just the place we go on Sundays.