

# The Book of Acts

*Acts 1:4-8*

## The Baptism of the Spirit

*New Covenant Era Blessings*

### *The fullness of revelation*

- In the New Covenant era the believer is privileged to have all the revelation that wants us to have this side of death or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- This complete revelation enables the believer to live a higher quality of life. *Romans 8:28*
- This complete revelation enables the believer to understand what God is doing in biblical history before Pentecost.

### *Being a part of a family of believers*

- Israel under the Old Covenant was a temporary unbelieving picture of the people of God. *Hebrews 8:7-8*
- In the New Covenant era believers are saved to be part of a larger family of believers and these are divided into local families of believers.
- Local churches provide the primary means of encouragement for believers to live for their Lord. *Hebrews 10:24-25*

### *The Gifts of the Spirit*

- In the Old Covenant era specific men were “gifted” by the Holy Spirit to build the intricate parts of the tabernacle, which was a physical picture of a spiritual truth. *Exodus 35:30-36:7*
- In the New Covenant era the Holy Spirit causes every believer to be spiritually gifted. *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*
- Believers have spiritual gifts in order to build up each other in the faith. *1 Corinthians 12:7, 1 Peter 4:10-11*

### *Taking the gospel to the world*

- In the Old Covenant era there was no need for the great commission since the “people of God” can easily be found by identifying the nation of Israel. *Hebrews 8:7-8*
- In the New Covenant era, the era of the Spirit or belief, the real people of God must be found and they are scattered all over the world. *Matthew 28:18-20, Revelation 5:9-10*
- Beginning with Pentecost the Spirit is motivating believers to take the gospel to a dying, unbelieving world so that those for whom Jesus died can come to a saving faith.