"Future Unknown Power Of God Certain!" Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with them, He <u>commanded</u> them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to <u>wait</u> for the *Promise of the Father (Holy Spirit)*, "Which", He said, "You have heard from Me; for <u>John Truly Baptized with Water</u>, but you shall be <u>Baptized with the Holy Spirit</u> not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has put in His Own Authority. 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 ends of the earth!"

Q: "What Exactly Is Jesus Instructing Us About As His Holy People In This Passage?"

1) To Be Obedient - Follow God's Commands & To Have Patience - Wait On God's Timing

2) <u>Two Baptisms</u>

A) John's Baptism of Repentance & Forgiveness (Baptism of Water – Sacred Beginning)

- B) Holy Spirit's Baptism of Holiness & Power (Baptism of Fire Holy Transformation)
- 3) Inquiries Concerning Eschatology/End Times: Future Unknown To Us But Known To God
- 4) While The Future Remains Unknown To Us But God's Power & Providence Are Certain
- 5) Baptism of the Holy Spirit Is A Living Unity With Our Spirit A) Imbues Us With His Power
 - **B) Endues Us With His Presence**
- 6) That We May Display His Love In Service & Power In Healing Miracles (Signs & Wonders)

7) That We Might Be His Witnesses To The Ends of the Earth

Testifying To His Complete Good News

1) Christ Has Come & Lived Perfectly Among Us

2) Christ Has Truly Died & Has Truly Risen From The Dead

3) Christ Has Ascended Into Heaven & Makes Constant Intercession For Us All

4) Christ Has Sent His Holy Spirit To Live Within Us & Guide Us Into All Truth

- 5) Christ Has Entrusted Us With Preaching Repentance & Forgiveness Of Sins In His Name
 - 6) Christ Has Asked Us To Serve Others & Teach Them Everything He Taught Us!

7) Christ Shall Come Again To Judge The Living & The Dead & Take Us To Heaven To Live With Him Forever

Q: "So What Should We Do Starting This Today – This Week?"

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but you shall be Baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Q: "What Does This Obedience & Waiting Look Like?"

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1) Watch, Wait, & Pray

2) Watch, Wait, & Fast

3) Watch, Wait, Praise & Worship

4) Watch, Wait, & Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

5) Today Repent & Ask For Forgiveness Of All Sin In Your Life

6) Today Ask To Be Made Holy Though Perfect Obedience

7) Today Ask For Lost Souls To Serve & To Save