

The ORIGIN of the CHURCH

1	<p><u>Job 33:4</u> The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.</p> <p><u>Job 34:14-15</u> 14. "If He should determine to do so, If He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath, 15. All flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.</p> <p><u>John 3:5-8</u> 5. Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7. "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8. "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."</p> <p><u>John 6:63</u> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.</p>
2	<p><u>Ezekiel 36:26-27</u> 26. "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27. "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.</p>
3	<p><u>Matthew 3:7-12</u> 7. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8. "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; 9. and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. 10. "The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11. "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12. "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."</p> <p><u>Mark 1:8</u> "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."</p>

John 7:38-39

38. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' "
39. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 14:16-18, 26

16. "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;
17. that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
18. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
...
26. "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:7-14

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7. "But 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 go, I will send Him to you.
8. "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
9. concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
10. and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;
11. and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
12. "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
14. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

Luke 24:49

"And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5

4. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me;
5. for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:8

... but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

5	<p><u>Acts 1:1-3 (Read also Acts 2)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,2. until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.3. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.
6	<p><u>Acts 2:1-12, 33, 40-41</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.2. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.3. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.5. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.6. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.7. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"8. "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?"...11. ... —we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."12. And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"...33. "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear....40. And with many other words he (<i>Peter</i>) solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"41. So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.
7	<p><u>Acts 2:42-47</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">42. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.43. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.44. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;45. and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.46. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,47. praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

8	<p><u>Read Acts 3-6</u></p> <p><u>Hebrews 2:3-4</u></p> <p>3. how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,</p> <p>4. God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.</p>
9	<p><u>Read Acts 7-8:3</u></p>
10	<p><u>Acts 8:14-17</u></p> <p>14. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,</p> <p>15. who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>16. For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.</p> <p>17. Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.</p>
11	<p><u>Acts 10:44-48</u></p> <p>44. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.</p> <p>45. All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.</p> <p>46. For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,</p> <p>47. "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?"</p> <p>48. And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.</p>
12	<p><u>Ephesians 2:14-15</u></p> <p>14. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,</p> <p>15. by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,</p> <p><u>Colossians 1:25-27</u></p> <p>25. Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,</p> <p>26. that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,</p> <p>27. to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.</p>