

Title: “Back to the Upper Room”

Text: Luke 24:49; Luke 11:13

1. The pattern of the first century church

The Initiation Process...

- a) Exorcism from evil spirits
- b) Baptism in water
- c) Baptism in the Holy Spirit
 - Matthew 3:11
 - Mark 1:8
 - Luke 3:16
 - John 1:33
 - Acts 1:5; 11:16

 - The church baptizes in water and Jesus baptizes in the Holy Spirit!

2. The baptism in the Spirit awakens gifts

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

- The positive purpose of Pentecost is to make ministry possible. Without Pentecost, ministry is impossible.

3. God’s power for the church

Two questions for every believer...

- a) Have you met Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?
- b) Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit? (Acts 19:1-7; Acts 2:38-39)

4. Four crucial steps...

- 1) Surrender yourself completely to the Lord
- 2) Ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit
- 3) Share what you have done as soon as possible
 - 1 Corinthians 14:2,4
- 4) Read the scriptures...
 - Acts 2:1-4
 - Acts 8:15-16
 - Acts 10:44-48
 - Acts 19:1-6
 - Praise Him for what He has done

5. Pentecost proves the resurrection and ascension

- John 14:29