

A serene sunset or sunrise over a vast blue ocean. The sky is a deep, vibrant blue, with wispy white clouds scattered across it. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, glowing band of light that transitions from yellow to orange and then to a soft rainbow. The water below is a deep, dark blue, with gentle ripples on its surface. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**BE FILLED WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **Ephesians 5:15-20**

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# It is Jesus who baptises with the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16;  
John 1:29-34; Luke 15:1-7

John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.' (Luke 3:16)

# **The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus himself at the very beginning of his ministry**

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.' (Luke 3:21-22)

# Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit in his ministry

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (John 7:37-39)

# After his resurrection Jesus gave instructions to his disciples

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:4-5 & 8)

# **The 120 disciples were baptised in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.  
(Acts 2:1-4)

# Other recorded incidents when believers in Acts were baptised in the Holy Spirit

- *Acts 8:14-17* The new converts in Samaria
- *Acts 9:17-19* The newly converted Saul of Tarsus
- *Acts 10:44-47* Cornelius' household (Notice Peter's comment when he reports this incident to the apostles in Jerusalem in *Acts 11:15-16*)
- *Acts 19:1-7* The first believers in Ephesus





**Millions of Christians  
throughout Church history  
up until the present day  
have been baptised with the  
Holy Spirit**

# The promise of the Father is also for you

'Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off...**for all whom the Lord our God will call.**'  
(Acts 2:38-39)

# What differences will it make when I have been baptised in the Holy Spirit?

- 1) Expect to speak in tongues or exercise some other gift of the Holy Spirit as you are baptised with the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Expect to have a new boldness as you witness to Jesus. (See 2 Timothy 1:7 and Acts 1:8)
- 3) Expect the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be increasingly manifest in your life. (Galatians 5:22)

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- 4) Expect to go on being filled with the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18-20)
- 5) Expect God to use you in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
- 6) Expect your prayer life to take on a new dimension. (Romans 8v26-27 and Ephesians 6:18-19)

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- 7) Expect your understanding of the Scriptures to deepen as you allow the Holy Spirit to teach you through them. (John 14:26 & 16:12-15)
- 8) There will be a sense of inner assurance. (Romans 8:16)



## **2 Timothy 1v6**

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## Luke 11:9-13

'So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.'

'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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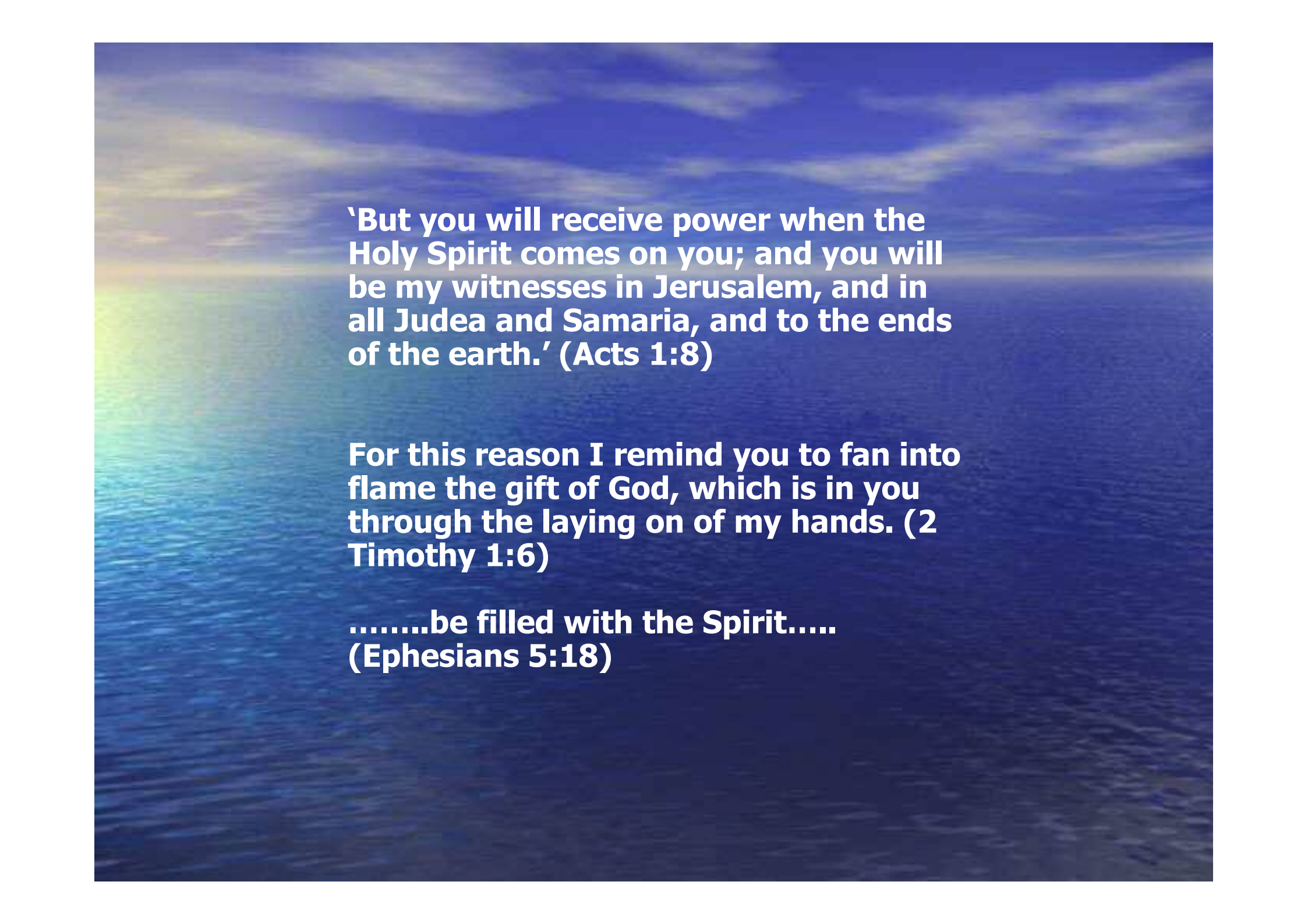
## **Romans 8:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.









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