

CBMBC Sermon Outline

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“Preparing to Receive the Holy Spirit”

Acts 1:12-26

Sermon series: Book of Acts

Summary: How the disciples prepared to receive the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

Five methods can be utilized in our lives regarding a refreshing of the Spirit or personal revival.

I. THE DISCIPLES PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT BY PRACTICING SIMPLE OBEDIENCE vv. 12-14.

OBEDIENCE MAY REQUIRE THAT WE WAIT NOT THAT WE DO SOMETHING.

(Luke 24:52).

II. THE DISCIPLES PREPARED FOR RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT BY CONTINUING IN FELLOWSHIP.

“What was the basis of their harmony?”

- 1). They loved Jesus –
- 2). They loved each other –
- 3). They had a great story to tell –
- 4). They were willing to give their lives for the Gospel –
- 5). They wanted to see Jesus again.

III. THE DISCIPLES PREPARED FOR RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT BY CONSTANT PRAYER. -v. 14

IV. THE DISCIPLES PREPARED FOR RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT BY STUDYING THE WORD. - vv. 16-19

A. STUDYING THE SCRIPTURE FOR CURRENT NEEDS (v. 16)

Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8. Acts 1:17-19.

B. STUDYING SCRIPTURE PREPARING FOR THE PROMISE. Joel 2:28-32.

Two things go together in the Christian life:

- 1) **Prayer**, in which we talk to God.
- 2) **Bible study**, in which God talks to us.

V. THE DISCIPLES PREPARED FOR RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE SELECTION OF GODLY LEADERS - vv.21-26

- 1) they must "have been with us from the time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us.
- 2) Baptized by John the Baptist,
- 3) An apostle must have been an eyewitness to Christ's resurrection.