

“Our Greatest Need”

- I. What was the greatest need of the disciples after Jesus ascended to heaven? Luke 24:45-49. Power from on high.
- II. What is “the promise of the Father that was going to be sent?” John 14:26
- III. What attitude did the disciples have toward each other as they waited for the Holy Spirit? Acts 1:14 & Acts 2:1 They were of One Accord.
- IV. As the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples and they were able to witness in the foreign languages of those present, Peter explains that this outpouring of the Holy Spirit is a fulfillment of a prophecy from Joel 2:28&29
- V. Joel 2:23 speaks of the former rain and the latter rain. Jeremiah 5:24
- VI. When those who heard the messages of the disciples at Pentecost asked what they must do Acts 2:37, they were told to repent and be baptized and then they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38
- VII. When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus in John 3:3-7 He spoke of being born of water and of the Spirit.
- VIII. How is one born of the Spirit? By _____.
- IX. According to John 16:7-13, the Early Rain or first experience with the Holy Spirit will 1) Comfort, Reprove/ Convict of 2) Sin, 3) Righteousness 4) Judgment and 5) Guide into all truth. Without the Early Rain we can never grow or bear fruit.
- X. We all have sin in our heart. According to Romans 8:13&14 only the Holy Spirit is able to kill the sin that is in us. “Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world’s Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” *The Desire of Ages, Page 671*
- XI. How do you know if you are filled with the Holy Spirit? Galatians 5: 22-25
- XII. James 5:7&8 speaks of the Latter Rain in the Last Days.
- XIII. To experience the Latter Rain we must first have had the Early Rain experience and continue to be filled DAILY with the Holy Spirit through:
 - A. Prayer
 - B. Putting away sin
 - C. Putting away dissension
 - D. Bible study
 - E. Witnessing