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Camp 2

- Empowerment/Extraordinary Power
- They seem to already be born again
 - *Romans 8:9 | John 3:5*
- Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” | *John 13:10 10*



Luke 24:47-49

⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

CONCLUSION: Both true; a matter of **context**.

- Baptism refers to one being supernaturally equipped to accomplish kingdom purposes



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A Few Notes

1. Jesus wants us to focus on mission | **verse 7**
2. There is a goal **verse 8**
 - Witness comes from the Greek word *Martus* meaning Martyr
 - Advocates, refusing to renounce the story
 - Refuses to advocate a belief or cause
3. It takes power to be a Christian Witness
 - Dunamas = **Dynamite**
 - “Being Clothed”
 - *Judges 6:34* | *2 Chronicles 24:20* | *1 Chronicles 12:18*



The Promise was given to empower the church to
Complete the Great Commission

Examples in Acts:
“Filled with the Holy Spirit”

2:4, 41 | 4:8, 31, 6 | 9:17 | 11:24 | 13:9



Q: “Should I focused on experience? What if I have not had such an experience?”

A: The point is not only the experience but the **awareness** and **expectation**.

Conclusion: Being baptized with the Holy Spirit is at conversion and when a believer in Jesus Christ receives extraordinary power for Christ-exalting ministry.



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Where did Jesus go?

He went to a physical place in another dimension

What's the Main Point?

Since the resurrection is real, **everything is about Jesus**

The Mission?

For everybody to **participate in** and **to receive**



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