



THE SPIRIT  
AND  
HIS WORK

*The Spirit and Mission*

# Acts 1:1-9

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**In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**



# Acts 1:1-9

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**<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.**



# Acts 1:1-9

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**<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**



# Acts 2:1-4

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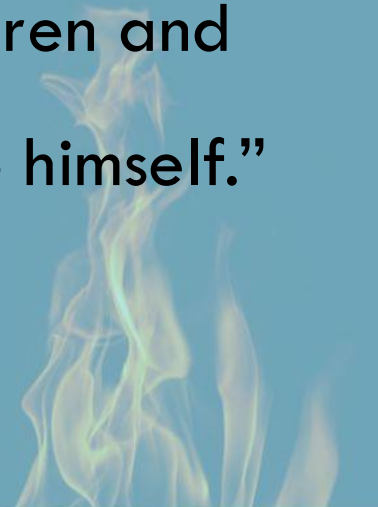
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## Acts 2:37-41

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Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”<sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized 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.<sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”



# Acts 2:37-41

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<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



# Outline

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- 1. What is the church's mission?**
- 2. What is the Spirit's role in mission?**
- 3. How should we respond?**



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***Acts 1-2***

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## Missional language in Christ's commissions:

- *“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you” (John 20:21)*
- *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... teaching them...”(Matt. 28:19-20)*
- *“repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations” (Luke 24:47)*
- *“you shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)*



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# A THIRD OF US

What It Takes To Reach The Unreached

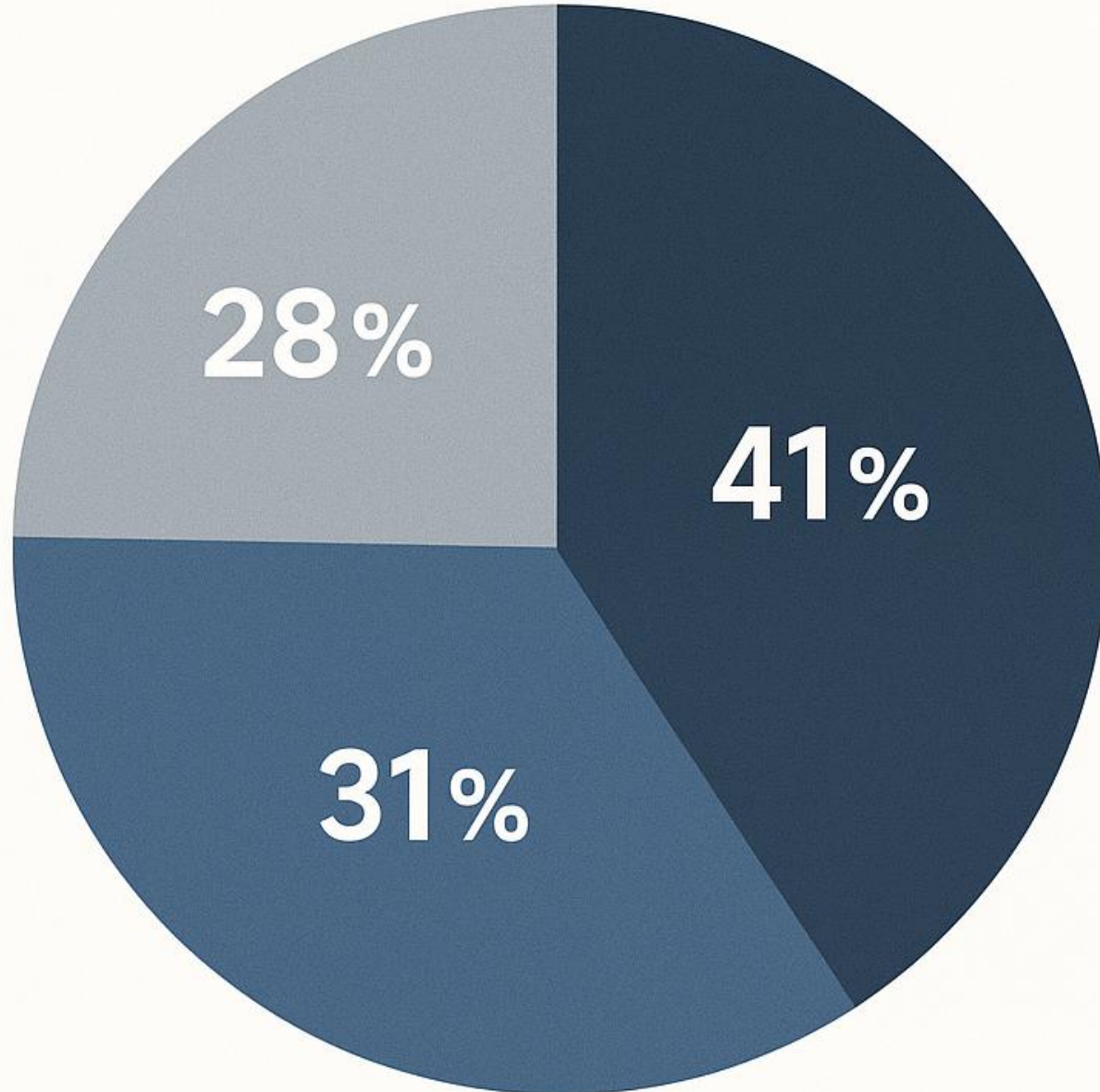


Marvin J. Newell

Unreached people have little or no significant contact with three life-giving essentials that are common to followers of Christ. These essentials can be summed up as "the three nos": no Bible, no church, and no known believers.

—Marvin Newell

# 8 BILLION PEOPLE



- **NO ACCESS**  
No access to the Bible, the church, or other Christians
- **SOME/LIMITED ACCESS**
- **FULL ACCESS**

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<b>Own culture</b>	<b>Neighboring culture</b>	<b>Distant culture</b>
<b>E-1 Evangelism</b>	<b>E-2 Evangelism</b>	<b>E-3 Evangelism</b>

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### Power from the Spirit in Christ's Commissions

- *“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you”<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:21-22)*
- *“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.” (Luke 24:49)*
- *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses (Acts 1:8)*



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# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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PETERSON

[On the Day of Pentecost] the divisions in humanity expressed through language difference (cf. Gn. 11:1-9) were overcome. These divisions are presented in Genesis as the judgment of God. What happened on the day of Pentecost suggests that God's curse has been removed... God was expressing his ultimate intention to unite people 'from every tribe and language and people and nation' (Rev. 5:9-10; 7:9) under the rule of his Son (Eph. 1:9-10), providing reconciliation through him and 'access to the Father by one Spirit' (Eph. 2:14-18).

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- **The signs of the Spirit (wind, fire, tongues)**
- **The work of the Spirit (power for mission)**



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- **If not, what is obstructing the flow of the Spirit in your life?**



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- Pentecost was a unique and unrepeatable in the history of God's saving purposes.
- Yet, we each us must personally appropriate the reality of Pentecost by receiving the gift of God's Spirit.



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#### Filling with the Spirit in the NT

- Acts 2:4: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- Acts 4:8a: Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them
- Acts 4:31: And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
- Acts 9:17: “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

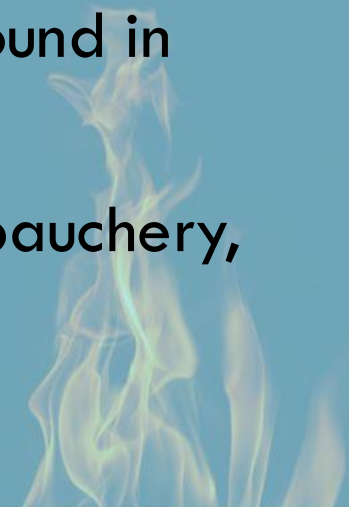


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#### Filling with the Spirit in the NT:

- Acts 13:9: But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said...
- Acts 13:52: And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
- Ephesians 5:18: And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,



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## A three-fold call to the church:

- 1) **Pray for the Spirit**
- 2) **Be filled with the Spirit**
- 3) **In the Spirit's power, boldly share Jesus with others in word and deed, both locally and globally**



# Conclusion

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*→ The deepest motive for mission is a passion for the Lord Jesus to be glorified. “Missions exists, because worship doesn’t” (John Piper). Christ is worthy. Let’s worship him and share the gospel with others.*



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