

“Why Wait?”

Acts 1:6-14

The angels asked the disciples, “Men of Galilee, why do you **stand here?**”

The angels might ask us, “People of Johnstown, why do you **wait?**”

1. **Why wait?**

A. **Confusion.**

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" —Acts 1:6

B. **Fear.**

...they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. —Acts 1:13

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews... —John 20:19

C. **Time.**

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." —Acts 1:11

2. **Wait no longer.**

- ❖ In the disciples' time, “Waiting for the Holy Spirit” was **obedience.**
- ❖ But, today, “Waiting” may be an **excuse** not to be obedient.
- ❖ **The Holy Spirit has come.**
- ❖ **The Holy Spirit is here.**

Waiting in Confusion?

A. **Receive Guidance**

The Holy Spirit informs and **enlightens.**

Ask the Holy Spirit to come and clear away doubt and **confusion.**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

—John 16:13

Waiting in Fear?

B. Step forward in spite of fear

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind,

—2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

—Acts 4:31

Waiting for just the Right time?

C. Act Now

Now is the right time to receive God’s Spirit.

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”

—Act 2:17

What are you waiting for?

You shall receive power.

Now is the time.

Come receive Power.

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you”

—Acts 1:7-8a

Memory Verse:

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