

*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world...  
and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14*

*When will Christ come?  
How do we carry the gospel to the whole world?*

### **Pentecost carried the Gospel to the world**

Strengthened by the endowment of the Holy Spirit, they went forth filled with zeal to extend the triumphs of the cross. The Spirit animated them and spoke through them. AA 46 Their hearts were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth... AA 46

The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the uttermost parts of the inhabited world. AA 48

### **Special Outpouring**

...when God's work in the earth is closing, the earnest efforts put forth by consecrated believers under the guidance of the Holy Spirit are to be accompanied by **special tokens of divine favor**. Under the figure of the early and the latter rain, that falls ...at seedtime and harvest, the Hebrew prophets foretold the bestowal of spiritual grace **in extraordinary measure** upon God's church. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the beginning of the early, or former, rain... But near the close of earth's harvest, a **special bestowal** of spiritual grace is promised... This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this **added power** that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest... AA 55, 56

### **Power to begin the gospel - Power to finish the gospel**

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Mar 256

The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the "**former rain**" was given... at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. GC 611

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*It is all-essential for the Christian to understand the meaning of the promise of the Holy Spirit just prior to the coming of our Lord... RH 11-15-92*

*Do you have an appreciation of the work and mission of the Holy Spirit? Do you realize that the Holy Spirit is the agency whereby we are to reach the souls of those around us? ISM 190*

*Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? 8T 22*

*The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the church is looked forward to as in the future; but it is the privilege of the church to have it now. Seek for it, pray for it.... We must have it... Ev 701*

*Christ... had an infinite variety of subjects from which to choose, but the one upon which He dwelt most largely was the endowment of the Holy Spirit. What great things He predicted for the church because of this endowment. Yet what subject is less dwelt upon now? What promise is less fulfilled? ISM 156, 157*

*Would it not be well for the members of the churches to devote some time to earnest prayer, and to the study of the words of Christ concerning the Comforter? RH 1-20-91*

*Throughout all the churches there is one subject of vital importance that has been neglected. We have failed to make the Holy Spirit the theme of our thought and instruction. ST 5-9-92*

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**Promise of  
the Holy Spirit**

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*Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49*

*This Jesus... being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this... Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off... Acts 2:32-33, 38-39*

*[Jesus] ...commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father... Acts 1:4*

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law... that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal 3:13-14*