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1. **Through the resurrected Jesus teaching by the Holy Spirit**

- 1) Jesus taught and gave commandments by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:1-9)

2. **God speaks through Angels (Acts 1:10-11; 5:19-20)**

- 1) Two angels spoke when Jesus ascends into heaven (Acts 1:10-12)
- 2) An angel opened the prison doors for Peter (Acts 5:19-20)
- 3) Reference to angels appearing in the Old Testament (Acts 7:35-38)
- 4) Reference to God's law being given by angels (Acts 7:53)
- 5) Angel gave Philip instructions (Acts 8:26)
- 6) Angel came to Cornelius in his vision (Acts 10:3-7)
- 7) Angel came to release Peter from prison again (Acts 12:7-10)
- 8) Angel killed Herod because he failed to give God glory (Acts 12:23)

3. **Through Old Testament scripture –**

- 1) Psalm 109:8 prophesied about Judas and his betrayal - Acts 1:16
- 2) David prophesied about Jesus – Acts 2:30-34
- 3) Moses prophesied about Jesus in Genesis and in Deuteronomy – Acts 3:18, 21-25
- 4) Stephen uses OT scriptures in his address to the high priests – Acts 7:2-3, 30-38, 42-43
- 5) Paul preaches from the OT scriptures - 13:32-35, 44-49
- 6) Paul and Barnabas refer to a passage in Joel during their preaching - 15:15-17
- 7) Apostle Paul preached and taught using the OT - 26:22-23

4. **By casting lots an apostle was chosen**—did God oversee the casting of lots or was this a situation of man using chance and not listening to God? (Acts 1:26) Casting lots was used numerous times in the Old Testament from choosing the scapegoat to dividing the land among the tribes.

5. **Tongues of fire resting on the heads of the people** (Acts 2:3) This was a physical manifestation of the Holy Spirit that revealed to everyone that the Holy Spirit had been poured out and upon whom the Spirit came to rest.

6. **Speaking in tongues through the Holy Spirit**

- 1) This happened at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon people. Acts 2:4, 6, 8-11
- 2) The fact that the gentiles spoke in tongues settled any dispute whether God had accepted the gentiles and filled them with the Spirit as well - Acts 10:42-45



7. Signs, wonders and miracles (Acts 2:17-20, 22-23, 43; 4:30-31; 5:12; 6:8; 8:6-7)

- 1) Sound of rushing wind (Acts 2:2)
- 2) Tongues of fire over the heads of the people (Acts 2:2-4)
- 3) Speaking in tongues (Acts 2:8-11)
- 4) Many signs, wonders and miracles done by apostles (Acts 2:43)
- 5) God healing a lame man to show Himself (Acts 4:22, 30)
- 6) Peter and John heal the sick (Acts 4:30-31)
- 7) Apostles healed many sick (Acts 5:12)
- 8) Peter being used to heal the sick even by his shadow to show forth God's glory (Acts 5:15-16)
- 9) Steven healing the sick and doing miracles (Acts 6:8)
- 10) Reference to God speaking through the burning bush in the Old Testament (Acts 7:30-34) 157
- 11) Philip doing miracles and healing the sick when preaching and casting out demons (Acts 8:6-7)
- 12) Paul and Barnabas preaching in Iconium, accompanied with signs and wonders (Acts 14:3)
- 13) Judas and Silas having their message confirmed (Acts 15:32)
- 14) God speaking through an earthquake and opening the prison for Paul and Silas (Acts 16:26)
- 15) God speaking to us through the resurrection of Jesus to testify that He was the Christ (Acts 17:31)
- 16) Paul doing extraordinary miracles in Ephesus (Acts 19:11-12)

8. Prophets both Old and New Testament prophets

- 1) Reference to God speaking through Old Testament prophets (Acts 3:21-24)
- 2) Agabus prophesying of a famine that was coming (Acts 11:27-28)
- 3) Judas and Silas being shown to be prophets who spoke to the church (Acts 15:32)
- 4) Four virgin daughters of Philip prophesying (Acts 21:9)
- 5) Agabus prophesying of Paul's imprisonment (Acts 21:10-11)
- 6) Paul referencing Old Testament prophets (Acts 26:22-23)
- 7) Paul speaking prophetically to those who travelled with him by ship (Acts 28:22)
- 8) Paul referencing an Old Testament prophet (Acts 28:25-27)

9. Preaching through the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:2, 8-12; 11:1)

10. Visions

- 1) Steven's vision of Heaven at his stoning (Acts 7:55-56)
- 2) Paul's vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-7)
- 3) Ananias' vision telling him Paul would come to him (Acts 9:10-16)
- 4) Cornelius' vision telling him to go to Peter (Acts 10:3-7)
- 5) Peter's vision about the gentiles (Acts 10:10-17; 11:5-10)
- 6) Paul's vision of a Macedonian calling him to come (Acts 16:9-10)
- 7) Paul's vision where the Lord promised him protection (Acts 18:9-11)
- 8) Paul recounting the vision or visitation on the road to Damascus (Acts 22:6-10)
- 9) Paul recounting the vision/trance concerning him leaving Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21)
- 10) Paul again recounting his vision, this time to King Agrippa (Acts 26:13-19)

11. The Spirit of God speaking directly

- 1) Holy Ghost bearing witness to the truth (Acts 5:32)
- 2) Spirit speaking to Philip and told him to get in the chariot of the Ethiopian (Acts 8:29)



- 3) Spirit speaking to Peter about his vision (Acts 10:19-20)
- 4) Spirit telling the church to separate Paul and Barnabas unto the Lord (Acts 13:2)
- 5) Paul and Barnabas told by the Holy Spirit not to go to Asia or to Bithynia (Acts 16:6-7)
- 6) Paul being compelled by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem (Acts 20:22)
- 7) The Holy Spirit speaking everywhere he went that Paul would be jailed and afflicted when he went to Jerusalem (Acts 20:23)

12. **A light from heaven** (Acts 9:3) – This light was a manifestation of Jesus that got Paul’s attention at His conversion.

13. **Direct visitation of Jesus after the ascension**

- 1) Paul had a direct encounter with Jesus that changed his life forever - Acts 9:4-7; 22:14-15)

14. **Direct visitation from God**

- 1) The Lord stood by Paul in the night and spoke to him - Acts 23:11

15. **In a trance**

- 1) Peter had a vision while in a trance - Acts 10:10
- 2) God spoke to Paul in a vision that came during prayer when Paul went into a trance – Acts 22:17-21)

16. **Preaching by men of God’s Word**

- 1) Peter preaching was by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)
- 2) Stephen preaching by the Holy Spirit (Acts 6)
- 3) Paul preaching (Acts 9:27)
- 4) Saul and Barnabas preaching in Salamis (Acts 13:5)
- 5) Paul preaching in Jerusalem (Acts 13:44-49)
- 6) Paul and Barnabas preaching in Antioch (Acts 15:35)
- 7) Paul and Silas preaching to the jailer and his family (Acts 16:32)
- 8) Paul and Silas preaching in Berea (Acts 17:11-13)
- 9) Paul preaching in Corinth (Acts 18:11)
- 10) Paul preaching the entire counsel of God in Ephesus (Acts 20:27)

17. **Speaking a curse on someone by the leading of the Holy Spirit**

- 1) Only found one time, not meant to be a normal practice when Paul curse Elymas with blindness till he would repent of his sorcery - Acts 13:9-11)

18. **Through giving the Holy Spirit**

- 1) Jews testified that even gentiles received the Holy Spirit and this was the evidence they needed that God had accepted the gentiles (Acts 15:8)
- 2) In Ephesus Paul laid hands on people to receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:6)