#### GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT IN "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

God's Spirit is mentioned 67 times in Acts.
On 40 of these occasions the Spirit is describes as the "Holy Spirit"

### 1. GOD'S PRESENCE NOT LIMITED TO "OUR KIND OF PEOPLE"

<u>10:38</u> God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy <u>Spirit</u>** and with POWER; he went about DOING GOOD AND HEALING all who were oppressed by the devil, for GOD WAS WITH HIM.

<u>2:17</u> In the last days God will pour out His <u>Spirit</u> upon ALL FLESH, your sons and YOUR DAUGHTERS will prophecy (speak-forth God's word) <u>11:12</u> The <u>Spirit</u> told Peter...not to make a distinction between *them and us*.

## 2. GUIDING OUR LIVES

<u>16:6, 7</u> [Paul and his friends] went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the **Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the **Spirit** of Jesus did not allow them;

## 3. MARKED AS GOD'S OWN AND CLEANSED FROM SIN

1:5 Jesus said to his followers: "you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

#### 4. INSPIRING SCRIPTURE

<u>1:16</u> The scripture had to be fulfilled, which the **Holy <u>Spirit</u>** through David (Psalm 69:4? 109:2-5?) foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus.

4:25 God said by the **Holy Spirit** through our ancestor David your servant: "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things?" (Ps.2:1)

## 5. EMPOWERED AND TRANSFORMED TO SERVE

<u>1:8</u> Jesus said to his followers: 'you will receive POWER when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

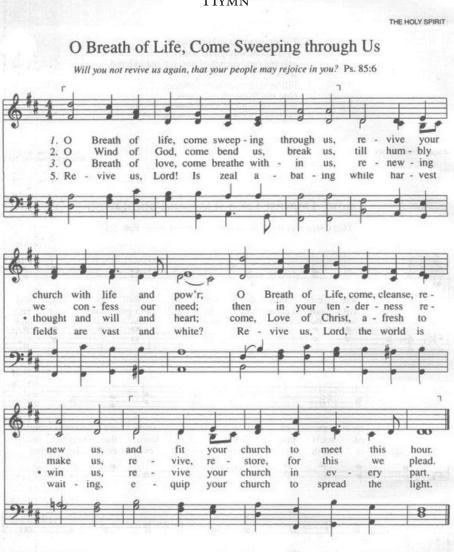
# **6. PROVIDING GIFTS AND CHRISTIAN CHARACTER FOR SERVICE**

(see also the "Fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5:22-23, and the "Gifts of the Spirit" in Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11); LOVE, Romans 5:5)

- $\underline{2:4}$  All of Jesus' followers them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in OTHER LANGUAGES, as the **Spirit** gave them ability.
- <u>4:31</u> When they had prayed, they were all filled with the **Holy <u>Spirit</u>** and spoke the word of God with BOLDNESS.
- <u>6:3</u> Friends, select from among yourselves (people) full of the <u>Spirit</u> and of WISDOM, whom we may appoint to this task,
- <u>11:24</u> Barnabas was a good man, full of the**Holy <u>Spirit</u>** and of FAITH. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.
- 13:52 And the disciples were filled with JOY and with the **Holy Spirit**. 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the **Holy Spirit** has MADE YOU OVERSEERS, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

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## Hymn



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