

Refrigerator Notes 08 June 2014  
Promissory Note Left on the Table  
Acts 2:1-21

1. A promissory note is a legal or financial instrument, which the maker promises to pay a determined sum or provide a gift to a payee or person(s)
2. Just the fact that it is a promise means one has to wait to receive whatever is promised, however, no one wants to wait on anything, even if it has value – give it to me now
3. But waiting time may be empty time, but even the disciples had to wait on a promise that did not seem likely to occur
4. 50 days later, the disciples experienced jubilation after Jesus had broken free from the grave, those followers who had fled, returned and were ready to charge into the world
5. The promissory note issued was of a counselor to come – promised by Jesus Christ himself, but the disciples had to wait ... wait ... wait ....
6. On the day of Pentecost, a Spirit came from heaven with force and settled on the disciples like tongues of fire, they were filled with the Holy Spirit
7. But unlike some of us Christians, the disciples received their promissory note from Christ rather than to have left it on the table
8. The Spirit of God is alive in all of us right here and right now, the issue is do we accept Christ or do we deny Christ
9. To sweeten the pot, Jesus added a little something to it – He promised to pour out His spirit upon all people, sons and daughters would prophesy, young men would see visions and old men would dream dreams – a promise that is redeemable to all who believe in Christ
10. However, there was a caution for those who called on the name of the Lord to be saved – Christians are called to go into the world and preach the gospel to everyone (Woe!) Hold-up a minute – I got to do what?
11. If you want the promissory note, the spirit of God to live within you, we got to be able to follow Jesus' instructions and not leave your blessings on the table
12. Until we have discovered the power of the Holy Spirit in our own lives, we are often left cold, miserable, aloof, confused, disenchanted, frightened, and wanting more, by refusing to allow your blessings to reside within you
13. You may find yourself losing hope, but be assured 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved' if you allow the spirit of God to reside within you
14. Through the Holy spirit we can find the strength and courage to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, neighbors, love ones, the haters and enemies alike – even to the community of Dulatown and Lenoir
15. Believe, receive, accept and allow God's spirit to live within you