

# THE HOLY SPIRIT



## PART 3 - POWER OF THE SPIRIT

In the last resource we discussed the need to be born again of His Spirit if we are going to be able to live a life in the Spirit, where we lay hold of all that Christ has laid hold of us for. We discussed how impossible it is to see, hear, understand, know and live from His spiritual kingdom, unless we are born again of His Spirit.

In this resource, I want to testify and proclaim to us the importance and absolute need for us as His followers to receive His power, which comes from and through the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus Himself and the early disciples received this power.

Let's look at Jesus Himself as our first example.

***Luke 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."***

***Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness.***

***Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.***

***Acts 10:38 You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.***

It's very clear from the eternal Scriptures that Jesus was not only full of the Holy Spirit, but He also was full of the POWER of the Spirit, and it is the combination of the two, which enabled and empowered Him to be who He was and accomplish the Father's predestined will.

What's fascinating is this was Jesus' living reality before He started His ministry.

We are to be no different, and this is the very promise of John the Baptist and Jesus Himself towards us as His disciples, just as it was to the early disciples.

***Matthew 3:11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.***

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When we are baptised, fully immersed in water, we go into the water and our entire being is fully engulfed by the water, but when we are baptised, fully immersed in the Spirit, our entire being is to be fully engulfed in the Spirit and the Spirit's power within us.

***Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."***

***Acts 1:4-5 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."***

***Acts 1:6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"***

***Acts 1:7-8 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."***

The receiving of the power of God through the Holy Spirit, can be and is to be, a reality we live with all the time. It is to be a constant dimension in us which we live our lives from daily.

Why is this the case?

The reason is 2 parts which integrate into 1 Life.

Firstly, so we can become the complete image of Jesus Christ, having His life formed in us as Paul testifies to in Galatians 4:19, being made complete in Christ.

***Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you***

***Colossians 1:28-29 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.***

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Secondly, for the empowerment of the demonstration of God's wisdom upon the earth through our lives.

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***Ephesians 3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.***

***Luke 7:35 Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”***

Grace is the power to live out what Truth calls us to.

The reason I know this Truth, is because on the 23rd December at 10.00am in my work place, I received the promise of Jesus Christ, to be baptised in the fire and power of Heaven. I did not have words for what I had experienced, as I was not yet a follower of His, but I had the living reality of what He promised 2000 years ago.

I was filled with the Holy Spirit and the Power of the Spirit, and this eternal reality continues to be as present, if not more, as it was 24 years ago, when I got born again of the Spirit and the Spirit's power. It has been this reality alone which has changed me and given me a brand new life in Him.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. What is your current experience of God's power operating in you?
2. Why did Jesus command His disciples not to leave the upper room until they had received His promise of power?
3. What difference does His power in us make towards us being able to be made complete in Christ and demonstrate His divine eternal wisdom?
4. We know God is not a liar and He gives everything He says He will give, so if you are yet to be born of His Spirit and receive His power, what steps are we going to undertake to receive His promise to us?

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