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Holy Ghost and POWER!

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We have seen this week the importance of power. We are so used to having power in our homes that when we have to go without the power it is annoying, limiting, frustrating.

ILLUSTRATION: Talk about the time a couple years ago when our power went out for a couple days and Ryne and I were whining...it was hot and uncomfortable!

SOME MAY SAY: Well, people from the past lived without power and made it just fine.

A couple things I would like to ask:

- Just because they made it doesn't mean it was easy. There were things they JUST couldn't do, because they didn't have power.
- Just because they made it doesn't mean they would decide to live WITHOUT power if they had the option to live WITH power.

Luke 24:49 – “And, 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.”

NOTICE: Jesus tells the disciples, after His ascension, that they need something else in order to live like they were to live.

BELOVED: The church was created to live with power. It is the MARK of the church.

BELOVED: There is a power outage in the church.

IN OTHER WORDS: There is a lot NOT getting done in the church that God intended to get done. But it is not getting done because NO POWER...church is sleeping.

NOTE: When it is dark outside...if you don't have power...you go to sleep.

SOME MAY SAY: Well, Christians have lived without power and made it just fine.

A couple of things I would like to ask:

- Just because they made it doesn't mean it was easy. There were many things that they JUST couldn't do, because they didn't have power.
- Just because they made it doesn't mean they would decide to live without power if they experienced the power.

“Power” – dunamis – explosive, dynamic, creative, miraculous

RENNER: Explosive, superhuman power with enormous energy that produces phenomenal, extraordinary and unparalleled results; the force of an entire army.

Mark 5:30 – “And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that **virtue** had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?”

Luke 5:17 – “And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: **and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**”

Luke 9:1 – “Then he called his twelve disciples together, and **gave them power** and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.”

Acts 8:13 – “Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, **beholding the miracles** and signs which were done.”

BELOVED: When we are talking about DUNAMIS POWER...it transforms believers from mere humans and empowers them to operate like God operates.

John 14:12 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; **because I go unto my Father.**”

Romans 8:11 – “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

1 Corinthians 3:3 – “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, **and walk as men?**”

(NASB) – ordinary people

(AMP & NIV) – mere men

Acts 10:38 – “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth **with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”

QUESTION: How did Jesus do what He did on earth?

ANSWER: Holy Ghost and DUNAMIS power!

Where Do I Get Dunamis Power?

FIRST: You may ask, do I need this dunamis power to get to heaven?

ANSWER: No! This is under salvation and forgiveness of sins.

After Jesus arose from the dead and ascended to the Father...He appeared to the disciples.

John 20:20-22

20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, **he breathed on them**, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost.**

“Breathed” – same word that is used in Genesis 2:7 in the Septuagint, “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

THEREFORE: Jesus breathed LIFE into them. They were born-again!

This is the first time that someone became born-again. The Holy Ghost took up residence in them. (conviction, direction, etc.)

THIS MEANS that the **fruit of the spirit** is available to them. Vs. 21 – Peace be unto you. You can function in the **fruit of the spirit** without power.

HOWEVER: Jesus didn't stop there.

Luke 24:49 – “And, 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.**”

FIRST: It is interesting that if it was enough JUST being a Christian...why would Jesus tell them DON'T DO ANYTHING until you receive this power.

SECOND: “Endue” – to clothe, to empower

This means something WON’T be JUST on the inside of them, but ALL OVER THEM!

THIRD: This promise had gave them access to the POWER...to the GIFTS of the Spirit. Where salvation gave them access to the fruit...when they received the POWER it gave them access to the gifts.

Acts 1:4,5,8

4 And, being assembled together with them, **commanded them** that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

NOTICE: It was a command...not a suggestion.

They could NOT do what God wanted them to do without this promise...without the power!

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

NOTE: There are two baptisms...water and Holy Ghost!

AGAIN: This was a baptism...a covering all over...not just inside.

8 But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:** and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Better translated: “After the Holy Ghost has come upon you, YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER!”

SO...when the Holy Spirit comes and ENDUES them...they will have the DUNAMIS power!

They were to wait for it.

Don’t do anything UNTIL that happens. Don’t even try to do anything until it happens.

BELOVED: God doesn’t want you to fail. So, He gives you what you need to do what He has called you to do.

LIVE the Christian life? Fruit of the spirit.

LIVE with explosive, superhuman power with enormous energy that produces phenomenal, extraordinary and unparalleled results; the force of an entire army?

Do the works of Jesus? (Mark 1:9-11 – Holy Spirit came upon Him.)

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

“Filled” – means fulfilled or accomplished; full

Vs. 16 – This is that spoken by the prophet Joel!

This is that which Jesus told them to wait for.

This is that which would fill them with power.

BELOVED: Here is where the pattern begins.

We see (next week) that every time people were baptized in the Holy Spirit, they began to speak with new tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

That language gives you access to POWER...it gives you access to ALL HIS GIFTS. It gives you access for clarity and wisdom like you’ve never known.

Conclusion

There is a power shortage in the church today.

Things are NOT getting done that need to get done.

The days are dark...they need light...the church has no power.

WHY? Because we have ignored the gift of the Holy Spirit, or we have taken it too lightly.