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# Holy Ghost and POWER! Part 2

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**LAST WEEK** we began to look at the need for power in the church. God created the church to operate with power and, quite simply, there has been a power outage in the church.

**NOW**...when we talk about power, we are talking about:

**“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.

Transforming 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.**”

## Two Works of Grace

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:**

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

**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!

**THEREFORE:** To be baptized...to covered.

**UNDERSTAND:** There is a difference between having water in a glass and having a glass in the water. When you are born-again, you receive water (Holy Spirit) in your glass (life)...when you are ENDUED or BAPTIZED in the Holy Spirit you become immersed!

**THIRD:** This promise had gave them access to the POWER...to the GIFTS of the Spirit.

## We need that power!

**ILLUSTRATION:** Have you ever seen the “strong man” competitions on ESPN? Not the bodybuilding... but the strong man! These HUGE MEN who lift boulders, pull semi’s, and do a bunch of other-worldly feats to compete against each other? It really is crazy what they can do!

**MOST OF US WOULD SAY:** “Well, I can’t really see that serving much of a purpose in everyday life.”

Well, what if your car got stuck in the snow and you didn’t have anyone around to help you...what if one of those men could be put on and you lift your car out of the snow...and then you move on.

What if you had a tree that needed to be taken down...and you didn’t want to pay the large amount of money to do it...what if one of those men could be put on and you just push the tree over and drag it away.

**HERE’S MY POINT:** Many people are thinking why would I need this power in everyday life...I am a Christian...I get by...I will go to heaven...I even am building my faith on the Word.

**BELOVED:** All those things are great! However, what about the times that you need more?

### 1.) Effective witness.

Acts 1:8 – “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.”

I mean...many of us in this room have talked to people about Jesus...but how many of us have been effective at it?

We will see today that seeing people born again is a work of the Spirit...and when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, it will change the way you witness.

*Why?*

### 2.) Tap into the Gifts of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10

Word of Wisdom; Word of Knowledge; Gift of Faith; Gifts of Healings; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Diverse Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.

These become available to you when you get baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**IMAGINE:** Witnessing to someone...sharing Jesus...and you begin reading their mail (Word of knowledge)...Jesus did it with the woman at the well. Do you think that would get their attention?

**IMAGINE:** Sharing Jesus to someone who has a physical infirmity and you lay hands on them and they are totally healed? Do you think that would get their attention?

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### 3.) Builds Faith.

Jude 20 – “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,”

We saw at the end of last week and we will see today...that the key to being endued with power is speaking in tongues.

**THEREFORE:** Jude (half brother of Jesus) tells us that if our faith is NOT where it needs to be... we have heard the Word...speak in tongues. It will INCREASE our POWER!

We need power! We need the Holy Spirit.

## It Happened at Pentecost

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.***

**BELOVED:** Every time that people are baptized in the Holy Spirit...they speak with other tongues.

**UNDERSTAND:** It is not always worded that way...but this Scripture sets up precedence...it is not needed to say it time and again.

**QUICK HIT:** You may say, well Pastor Thad...these men were actually speaking REAL languages for witnessing.

- 1.) Every foreigner heard their language being spoken...but it doesn't say that every person spoke in an authentic language.
- 2.) They were not actually witnessing...they were praising God for His wondrous works.
- 3.) It did get their attention.
- 4.) This does happen often...but not always.  
(perhaps share a few examples)

1 Corinthians 14:2 – “For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”

- 1.) You are NOT speaking to men. They may overhear you, but you are not speaking to them.
- 2.) You are speaking to God.

1 Corinthians 13:1 – “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

**NOTICE:** There are two types of languages:

- 1.) Tongues of men.
- 2.) Tongues of angels.

**ONE MAIN KEY:** You don't know what you are saying.

**QUESTION:** What happened after they were baptized in the Holy Spirit?

### 1.) They received boldness to be effective witnesses.

They began recalling prophecies (Joel vs. 16 and David vs. 25). Remember, they were not Phari sees.

They had clarity of the Word like they didn't have previously.

Acts 2:37,41

- 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

### 2.) Power!

Acts 3:1-10

Vs. 6 – “silver and gold have I none, but such as I HAVE GIVE I THEE...”

Explosive power!

**BELOVED:** They didn't have that before!

They did have fruit! Acts 2:1 – They were in ONE accord! They met together!

The power had to wait.

## Tongues in Samaria

In Acts 8:4-8,13 (about 1 year after Pentecost) Philip went to Samaria to preach the Gospel.

- \* Miracles took place
- \* Demonic spirits were cast out
- \* The lame began to walk
- \* Paralyzed were healed
- \* GREAT signs and wonders (vs. 13).

Vs. 12 – “But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

This was the baptism in water.

**NOW:** Philip would have been in the upper room...one of the twelve.

He had his heavenly language.

What did he do in Samaria?

- 1.) They were born again...so he was effective in his witnesses.
- 2.) He operated in power.

### Act 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

**NOTE:** vs. 18 tells us that Simon the Sorcerer SAW it and wanted it...you can't see a spirit...they would have had to have done something.

**NOTICE:** How this group of Christians can do the same thing for their friends and families!

## The Apostle Paul

Acts 9 takes place about four years after Pentecost.

We know all about Paul's back story of killing Christians...for God.

**HOWEVER:** In Acts 9 he meets Jesus on the road to Damascus. He is born-again on the road...but that was NOT ENOUGH.

Acts 9:6 – “And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.”

- \* Paul had the Word. He knew the Word and was educated.
- \* He was born again.
- \* He needed the power!
- \* On his way, to Damascus he didn't stop and teach or heal anyone...we went straight there.

Acts 9:17 – “And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

- \* Paul was identified as “brother”, so he was born-again.
- \* He didn't tarry.
- \* He was baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**ONLY AFTER** that did he become the Apostle Paul that we are familiar with.

**IMMEDIATELY** went and began teaching...eventually went away for some growth.

1 Corinthians 14:18 – “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.”

## Conclusion

**BELOVED:** We have been called to walk in power.

We cannot do it without the Holy Spirit...without being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

You say...I have the gift...well, do you use that language a lot or a little. Once a week or a lot every day? That language gives you access to the supernatural, unlike anything else.

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If you don't have the gift...it is a gift for you today.

Act 2:38-39

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.