




*DO YOU
DARE ASK?*



Acts 1:8 (NASB95)

8 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."



BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER

*Strange statement from the Holy Spirit that
we will receive power!*

- 60% of people in US believe corruption has increased.
- 7% of Americans admit to paying bribes to major public services in the last 12 months.
- 15% have paid bribes to someone who works in the judiciary.
- 14% have paid to registry and permit services.
- 11% have paid off someone in the education system.
- The police were seen as the most corrupt in 36 countries and the judiciary fared the worst in 20 others.

WHY WOULD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRUST US WITH POWER?

Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB95)

11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

- Adam & Eve kicked out...
- King David abused.....
- Jonah refused.....
- Yet God had the plan.....

WHAT IS GOD'S PLAN FOR MANKIND?

God's plan was and will always be to have a relationship and fellowship with that in which He created.

- *God wants to walk with us.*
- *God wants to talk with us.*
- *God wants to fellowship with us.*
- *God wants to us to co-share in the inheritance given to Abraham.*

THE AMAZING

- One of the most amazing gifts given to mankind is free choice.
- Not only did He die to make this possible in the most horrendous way.
- He put His divine plan into the hands of mankind.
- The plan would be dependent on the choice mankind would make.
- God is in heaven, Christ sits on the right hand of God, Holy Spirit is left with us.
- The way of fulfillment would be to put into mankind a supernatural power to help accomplish the supernatural that only God could do, thru the hands of man.

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- As mere mortals we have nothing to offer to this world.
- We are like the disciples speaking to the man at the Gate Beautiful: silver & gold I have none.
- The Commission to the mission is to be a witness, yet without the power of God we have nothing that allows us to become a witness.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB95)

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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Luke 11:13 (NASB95)

13 how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

SPIRITUAL DILEMMA

- First we are new creatures in Christ.
- Second we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us.
- Third how much more of the Holy Spirit will God give to them that ask.
- *Here is my question to all of us, “How can the infilling of the Holy Spirit in our lives not affect in a supernatural powerful way.*
- *And if we are new creatures who receive power and we can have what we ask for then it all comes down to choice.*

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF THE
GREEK WORD “WITNESS” *IT MEANS
EVIDENCE, TESTIMONY, REPUTATION.*

- *The Spirit empowered life is an outward focused life.*
- *You can't be a witness by staying in, one must go out.*
- *To pursue this God given power for any other reason is to mess the whole point of the promise.*


[EXAMPLE]

MANY LESSONS TO LEARN AND TO OVERCOME!


Matthew 17:14–21 (NASB95)

The Demoniac

14 When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying, **15** “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. **16** “I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.”



17 And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once. *19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?”*



20 And He *said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. 21 [“But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”]

Acts 8:4 (NASB95)

4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

The disciples were empowered to be a witness where ever they went.

Shared biblical truth in the midst of crisis.

*Why do Americans cower so easily
when the disciples of old did so
much in taking a stand for the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

National Day Of Prayer


Hebrews 9:11–15 (NASB95)


11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; 12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.




Hebrews 9:11–15 (NASB95)

15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.




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- God no longer dwells in buildings, He dwells in our hearts.
 - The infilling of the Holy Spirit is not a corporate infilling but an individual, independent infilling based on choice.
 - Without the power of the Holy Spirit our mission, our ministry is in vain.
 - Instead of confronting the supernatural without the Holy Spirit we confront our own inadequacies.
 - By doing so we focus on our own agendas instead of God's.



Psalm 8:4–9 (NASB95)

4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;


You have put all things under his feet, 9 O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!



Church Jesus promised that signs & wonders would follow those who obey His calling.

He promised His presence, and His power where ever His Kingdom would be preached.





*Father what is man that You take though of
him, and the son of man that you care for
him, making him a little lower than God and
crowned him with glory & majesty!*

*There is always the abuse of power and
there will always be the benefits of power,
and there will always be the choice of
power: How much more of the Holy Ghost
will God give to them that ask.*

Do you dare ask?

