

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit Part 03

The Power of the Holy Spirit

and the Right Atmosphere to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

“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.” (Acts 1:8 KJV)

Our Lord Jesus Christ promised His disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit will come on them. The Holy Spirit is not by Himself is the power but He will give the power. The Holy Spirit is God. Like God the Father, God the Son, we have God the Holy Spirit, and the three are one. And from the Holy Spirit we can receive the power and all what we need to serve Him.

When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord over our lives we receive a down payment of the Holy Spirit, the seal of our redemption. But when we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit we have the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The power of the Holy Spirit is in three major areas and as the following:-

1. The power of resourcefulness: The Holy Spirit is God and He can do to us things of God that can make our lives easy and effective. The Holy Spirit can give us the skills to do and achieve certain tasks that we have not done before. When God asked Moses to build the ark of the covenant He gave him skillful people whom He put His Spirit on them and enabled them to do all the skillful works. ***“30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.” (Exodus 35:30-35 KJV)***

When there is certain task needed to be done the Holy Spirit of God would give to certain people the skills to achieve that task. ***As you respond to the calling of God in your life, the Holy Spirit shall give you all the required gifts, skills and talents that you need to do the work of God in your life and the ministry entrusted to you.*** The Holy Spirit is the source of all the gifts of God as we read here, ***“7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” (1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV)***

From the gifts of the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and the discerning of spirits to distinguish between the spirits, from these gifts we receive the important information and the required knowledge that we need in our service to God.

From the gifts of healing, gift of faith and the working of miracles we have the actions of God that required in dealing effectively with life's difficulties and troubles. As we have these gifts God will do through our lives various miracles and healings that will impart His love and care to the people those we are reaching out.

From the gifts of prophecy, speaking of different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues we have the communication skills and the power to convey the message of God to the people in their different languages and what He want to say to them.

Also we must be aware that the Holy Spirit can create a new gift or skill in us and on the spot when that is needed to achieve any task. Truly the Holy Spirit is our reserve and our supply.

2. The power of Reflection: ***“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” (Galatians 5:22-24 KJV)*** The Holy Spirit that lives inside us will combat and oppose the work of the flesh in our lives. And He will build our character, personality and attitude with the fruit of the Holy Spirit that are: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. ***People need to see Jesus in us, and the most profound character of Jesus is the aforementioned fruit of the Holy Spirit. And to reflect the character of Jesus to the world and to others it means we need to be transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory. That can be done only through the work of the Holy Spirit and His power that can build in us the fruit of the Holy Spirit and reflect Jesus' characters in our lives.***

What great thing when the people would see the glory of God and Jesus in us. We ought to be so grateful to God who had sent His Holy Spirit to be part of our lives and made us filled with.

3. The power of Resiliency: This is the power to bounce back when pressure from outside press on us. We may pass trials, troubles, tribulations, and persecutions. But since we have the Holy Spirit inside us we have the power to resist, stand firm and bounce back, ***“7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” (2 Corinthians 4:7 KJV)*** ***Yes truly we have troubles but we are maintained, “8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” (2 Corinthians 4:8-10 KJV)*** Trials and troubles would make us stronger; that is because we have this treasure inside us, the Holy Spirit who give us the power to resist and stand firm: ***“16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:16-18 KJV)***

My Dear and Beloved: You need the power of the Holy Spirit in your life because as we understand from the Scriptures the Holy Spirit is the resource for our living and ministry. He is the source of our strength and the reflection of the glory of Jesus in our lives. Therefore commit your life to the Lord, honor God, live in holiness and ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit that you need for Godly living and for serving Him.

Now we are going to discuss about the right atmosphere that you need to live in to be filled with the Holy Spirit. *“2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 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. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” (Acts 1:2-5 KJV)* After Jesus resurrected from the dead, He ordained for His disciples to receive the promise of the Father, to be filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit so they can start to do what Jesus was doing while He was on earth. **For the same reason you need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit so you will be able to do all what Jesus was doing while he was on earth.**

For this reason He commanded His disciples to stay and tarry in Jerusalem until they will receive the Holy Spirit, because they will not be able to move and do His work and will without the Holy Spirit. Therefore He told them, *“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.” (Luke 24:49 KJV)* And they responded to the command and lived in a favorable atmosphere that invited the Holy Spirit to fill them as we can read below:-.

1. They lived in full obedience: *“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. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.” (Acts 1:4-5 KJV)* The disciples stayed in Jerusalem and did not move to any other place until the Holy Spirit came upon them: *“9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. 12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.” (Acts 1:9-13 KJV)* The Holy Spirit will be given to the true disciples and followers of Christ; those who are sanctified and set aside their lives to God. **As you live in obedience to God and set aside your life for Him, then you will be filled with the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit will give to the disciples of Jesus the power to live and witness for Christ. *** Therefore life of full obedience is essential for you as a disciple of Jesus in order for you to be filled with the Holy Spirit so you can witness for Christ. * This is what the Word of God declares and that of what we agree upon, without full obedience there is no filling with the**

Holy Spirit. You need to be in full submission to God and to do and live His will so that the Holy Spirit will have you and fill you.

From the life of early disciples who were waiting for the Holy Spirit we can conclude the style of life that the Holy Spirit would be attracted to. Full and immediate obedience is the vessel that the Holy Spirit is attracted to and desires to fill.

2. They lived a life of faith: They fully trusted the Lord, His word and His promises to them. They believed that Jesus would send them the Holy Spirit and therefore they stayed waiting upon the promise of God. Their faith was manifested by deeds showed by their patience to wait upon the Lord and by the style of life that they lived for Christ. They showed their faith with actions and deeds as the Word of God declares, *“18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” (James 2:18 KJV)* **Your life of faith in God will be shown by actions and deeds as you are walking through the good works that He ordained for you to do.**

3. They lived in unity: We read in *Acts 1:14, “These all continued with one accord”* The 120 disciples lived together united with one mind and one thought. More important than the physical unity is the spiritual unity. They were united around Jesus and on what God's Word says. *** We as disciples we need to be united with God and agree on His Word and have the mind and the thoughts of Christ and to have one purpose to serve God and the vision of Jesus who commissioned us saying, “19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19-20 KJV)** *** Unity in the church in the parameters that we mentioned above is so important atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to be poured on the church members to enable us to do the mission and the vision of God.**

4. They lived a life of prayer: *“14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.” (Acts 1:14 KJV)* *** Prayer is our back bone. We cannot stand as church to face the world without life of prayer. Life of prayer enable us to face the challenges and the threat of the world, and makes our journey and mission smooth as we go forward in achieving God's purpose and vision in our lives. * Life of prayer will invite and attract the Holy Spirit to come on you and fill you.**

5. They lived a life to fulfill the Scripture: *“15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.” (Acts 1:15-20 KJV)* The disciple while they were waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit on them continued to do their duties in fulfilling the Scripture. The Scripture of God are the wisdom and the power of God. **We as a church must endeavor to fulfill the Scripture and live**

to achieve what His Word teach and declare so that we can receive the wisdom and the power of God.

What Peter quoted above from the Word of God and related to the conspiracy of Judas was from the Old Testament as we can read the quotations, ***“25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.” (Psalm 69:25 KJV) “8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.” (Psalm 109:8 KJV)*** What Peter caught from Scripture had helped the church to go forward in their mission and elect another apostle to fill the place that Judas left. The application of the above incidence in our lives as a church is this: **As we endeavor as Church of God to fulfill the Scripture, the Lord will lead us to take important decisions that are vital to the Lord and for the life of our church, and finally to be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

6. They lived a life fully trusting in the Lord: “5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV) Judas Iscariot was one of the Apostles and he was the one who was keeping the treasury. In another word he was having an important position in the life of the early church. But the early church that was waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit trusted the Lord that He can fill any vacant place, and in His presence all things can be filled, fulfilled and go well.

As a church what we learn from the above lesson that every worker in the church is important but God is the only essential person in the church. No one should have the pride and think that without him or her the church will be affected. That is a wrong concept, although all of us as workers are important for the church, but God is the one who is doing His work and will through us. So we are not the one but God is the one who is working and doing the needful. Our part is to yield ourselves to the Lord, but if anyone of us take the pride of himself then God will move to use another person.

Therefore let that person who think and behave in such wrong attitude, that he or she should know that without him or her the church will still go well because God, the Holy Spirit, the essential and crucial person, is still present in the life of His church.

7. They did their administrative work in a proper way: “21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. 23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.” (Acts 1:21-26 KJV) While they were waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit on them they continued to do their duties and fulfilled their responsibilities. They were instructed by the Scripture to choose suitable workers who can fill the place of Judas according to the following criteria, ***“21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.” (Acts 1:21-22 KJV)*** For the following purpose, ***“to be a witness ... of his resurrection ... That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship ... And they appointed two, Joseph***

called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias”, and they left the final decision for God to choose when they prayed, ***“Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place”***, and casted the lot as a Biblical way to receive the Lord’s decision, ***“33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.” (Proverbs 16:33 KJV)*** and Matthias was chosen and added to the eleven apostles.

My Dear and Beloved: We as a church and every one of us as member we need to take heed of all the above points and apply them fully in our lives so we will be blessed with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of our disciples and congregations. Therefore let us continue to meditate on the message and be willing to obey.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your encouraging Word in this message and your teaching to me that opened my eyes to what the Holy Spirit can do to me and through me. Lord thank you for all the corrections, admonishments and the constructive rebukes that I received in this message to be aware of my sins and repent of them.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce all your stubbornness, disobedience and delay obedience. Confess and renounce all the works of the flesh in your life; telling lies, stealing, fights, anger, rage, hatred, revenge, un-forgiveness, grudge and bitterness, division, envy, jealousy, murder, lust, immoralities, greed, injustice, corruption, worldliness, and your love for money and material things. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your bad stewardship, your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Confess and renounce your lack of faith and the doubts in your mind. Confess and renounce your lack of reading God’s Word and life of prayers. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I ask you to give me the gift of the Holy Spirit in my life because I want to live my life for you. Enable me Lord to serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. Lord I commit myself to respond to the Holy Spirit and reproduce the fruit of the spirit in my life; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, so people can see Jesus clearly in my life. Lord I commit myself to live a life of faith and prayer and in obedience to your Word and commands, trusting you in all my affairs and the trials that I am passing through that you will help me and give me the victory.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives to live in holiness for you and are willing to live in the right atmosphere and in the right place tarrying and waiting on you to fill them with the Holy Spirit. Lord those who are sanctified pour out your Holy Spirit on them, let them speaks in tongues and give them the Spiritual gifts that they need to go on and serve you. Lord strengthen them, protect them and provide for them so they will continue to serve you, and live their lives for you.

Lord, bless us as your church. Lord we commit ourselves to live in full obedience to your Word and commands, waiting upon you to fill us with the Holy Spirit, acting in faith accompanied by deeds that you delight; living a life of prayer, living in unity; united in mind, thought, vision and purpose with you. We commit ourselves that we will be taking the style of fulfilling the Scripture trusting you that you are the One who take hold together of all the things of our lives and the achievements in the ministry. Lord we pray that you strengthen all the workers, and our disciples and the congregations with your Holy Spirit and raise up more disciples who will carry further your mission till you come and take us with you to Heaven. Lord I pray for more people to be water baptized and more disciples to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts; word of wisdom, word of knowledge, gift of faith, gift of healing, gift of working miracles, gift of giving, showing mercy, leadership, administration, gift of exhortation, pasturing, teaching, prophesying, evangelizing, and whatever talents and skills we lack we ask you to give us so we will continue faithfully serving you. Lord, lead us to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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