



# The Power of The Holy Ghost

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**Introduction** – Over the past few weeks The Lord has been talking to us about, The Power of God. So far, we have Discovered; The Power of Praise, The Power of the Blood of Jesus, The Power of Christs' Resurrection and Tonight we are going to look at The Power of the Holy Ghost.

*"Without the Power of God, we are Subject to whatever comes against us in this world, but with the Power of God we can overcome whatever we face in this world."*

**Matthew 3:11** - I (*John*) indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He (*Jesus*) that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** KJV

**Luke 24:49-53** - And, behold, I (*Jesus*) 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. And he (*Jesus*) led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. **And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.** And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. KJV

**Acts 1:4-9** - 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. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. **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. **And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.** KJV

**Acts 2:1-4** - And when **the day of Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** KJV

**Acts 2:32-33** - This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost**, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. KJV

***"The Promise of the Father, The Baptism with The Holy Ghost, is The Baptism of Jesus."***

I. **Qualifications to Receive The Baptism with the Holy Spirit According to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. **Luke 11:9 - 13** - "So I (*Jesus*) say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**" NKJV
- B. God must be your Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God becomes your Heavenly Father through placing your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.
- D. **Galatians 3:26** - For ye are all the **children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.** KJV
- E. Those who are Children of God; must \_\_\_\_\_ their Heavenly Father for the Gift of the Holy Spirit, it's not automatic.

II. **What is the Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to The Baptism with the Holy Spirit?**

- A. **Acts 8:14 - 20** - Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem **heard that Samaria had received the word of God** (*born again- I Peter 1:23*), they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been **baptized** (*in water*) in the name of the Lord Jesus. **Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.** And when Simon **saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given,** he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"
- B. **Acts 10:44 - 48** - While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.** And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.** Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.
- C. **Acts 11:15 - 16** - And as I began to speak, **the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.** Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, **but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'**
- D. **Acts 19:1 - 6** - And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**" So they said to him, "**We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.**" And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." **When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.**

III. **Why is it important for us to speak with \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ sign of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament.
- B. **Acts 2:4** - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- C. Speaking in Tongues Gives Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to the one Speaking.

**1 Corinthians 14:4-5** - He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, **that the church may receive edification.**

**D. Speaking in Tongues \_\_\_\_\_ us of the Holy Spirits indwelling Presence**

**John 14:16-17** - And I (*Jesus*) will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may **abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; **but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

**E. Praying in tongues will keep our \_\_\_\_\_ in line with God's Will**

**Romans 8:26-27** - Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because **He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

**F. Praying in Tongues \_\_\_\_\_ and Builds up your Most Holy Faith**

**Jude 20-21** - But you, beloved, **building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit**, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**G. Praying in Tongues gives us \_\_\_\_\_ Rest and Refreshing**

**Isaiah 28:11-12** - For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, **"This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing";** Yet they would not hear.

**H. Praying in Tongues Helps us to Give \_\_\_\_\_ Well**

**1 Corinthians 14:13-19** - Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue (*in the church*) pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? **I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.** Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed (*church*) say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? **For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.** I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; **yet in the church** I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

#### **IV. Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to Receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_, Be Baptized and \_\_\_\_\_ your Heavenly Father for the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**Acts 2:38-39** - Then Peter said to them, **"Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."**

**Luke 11:9 - 13** (NKJV) **"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"**

B. Release your Faith when \_\_\_\_\_ are Laid on You to Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 19:6** - And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

C. Open Your Mouth and \_\_\_\_\_ the Gift of the Holy Spirit, when you're Full begin to Speak.

**John 7:37-39** - "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**" KJV

**Proverbs 20:27** - The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

D. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to Speak in Tongues, just speak out the utterance you receive from the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:4** - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and (they) began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

E. Remember Everything we Receive from God is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Grace, Not a \_\_\_\_\_ of Man.

**Ephesians 2:7-9** - That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.** KJV

F. Don't Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptizer with The Holy Ghost and then Speak Out in Tongues the Syllables or Words the Holy Spirit Gives you in your Spirit to Utter or Speak.

**Hebrews 12:2** - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. KJV

V. The Baptism with The Holy Spirit and Fire Gives us the Power we need to be a Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

A. **Acts 1:4-8** - 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. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be **baptized with the Holy Ghost** not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. **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.** KJV

B. We are Not to Be Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, but Rather \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

C. **1 Corinthians 2:4-5** - And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.** NKJV

D. **1 Thessalonians 1:5** - "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, **but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost**, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake." KJV

E. **2 Timothy 3:5** - having a form of godliness **but denying its power.** And from such people turn away! NKJV

***"Christians Without the Baptism of The Holy Ghost and Fire are Like a Cars Without Gas, Oil or Battery Power."***