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The Holy Spirit Working With The Church

In our modern-day world, mankind has been introduced to all kinds of natural powers. Electrical power, nuclear power and the list goes on and on. Man has learned to use these powers to bring not only help to humanity but also destruction to humanity. Today the Lord has instructed me to talk about the power of the Holy Spirit. If Christians are really going to complete the work of Jesus on the earth, we must learn about the power of the Holy Spirit.

Before Jesus went to His Father's right hand in Heaven, He told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come on them. Let's read about this...

Acts 1:4-8 KJV 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. [6] When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? [7] 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. [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.

Jesus knew that the Church could not be the powerful witness that they needed to be without the Holy Spirit being on them. Even Jesus Himself needed the Holy Spirit to come on Him to do what He did in His earthly ministry. Let us read about this event.

Matthew 3:16 KJV And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him:

Matthew 4:1 KJV Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

In the rest of this Newsletter, I'm going to show you what happens when the Church has the Holy Spirit working with them and through them.

Acts 2:1-4 NKJV When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting. [3] Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. [4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:14-19 NKJV But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. [15] For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. [16] But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: [17] 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young men

spirit on all flesh, Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

[18] And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. [19] I will show wonders in Heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

Acts 4:31 NKJV And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

When the Church received the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts, the devils were cast out; and people were saved and healed by the thousands. This is God's way of doing things. The Church without the Holy Spirit is not going to get the job done. We must go back to the book of Acts and see how the early Church accomplished God's work, and then do it like they did.

In our modern Church, the Holy Spirit is not even mentioned a lot of the time. If He is not acknowledged, He won't manifest. The Holy Spirit is how Jesus did all the miracles that He did while on the earth, and He said this...John 14:12 NKJV "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

My desire, and I know you have the same desire, is to be so full of the Holy Ghost that you think and do what God wants us to do. If we meditate on the Holy Spirit and read in God's Bible about His works, we will start flowing with Him; and we will see the power of God set the people free.

Love you,
Pastor Paul