

Holy Spirit & Power Gifts (Healing, Faith, Miracles)

INTRODUCTION

Do you believe that God:

- Created everything with His Word? Opened the Red Sea? Flooded the earth in the time of Noah? Made the Sun stand still for Joshua? Spoke through Balaam's donkey? Answered Elijah with fire from heaven? Send a fish to swallow Jonah?

Do you believe that Jesus:

- Turned water into wine? Walked on water? Calmed the storm? Fed 5000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish? Healed the sick, Cast out demons, Raised the dead?
- Died on a cross? Spent 3 days in the grave? Was resurrected from the dead? Ascended into heaven?

Do you believe that the 1st followers of Jesus (apostles & disciples):

- Healed many people? Cast out demons? Raised the dead? Peter's shadow healed people? Paul's handkerchief healed people?

Do you believe that God (the Almighty One) can do the same through you?

- When its personal unbelief enters. We disqualify ourselves.
- We know ourselves: Shortcomings, sins, failings, brokenness.

James 5:17. Elijah - a man just like us. Prayed – rain stopped. Prayed again – started to rain.

TODAY: focus on the Power gifts (Faith, Miracles, Healing). 1 Corinthians 12.

Inherent Danger when preaching about gifts: (1) Preacher can point to self; (2) Make you feel disqualified; (3) Emphasis on the gifts, not he Giver of the gifts.

FOCUS WILL BE ON JESUS! Preach Christ.

It is not about us. It is about **God's power made manifest through His Spirit.**

MANY DIFFERENT VIEWS - healing and miracles. Is it still relevant today? Have the gifts seized to operate? (cessationist theology: gifts seized with the death of the Apostles and completion of the New Testament). People had bad experiences in the past, misuse of gifts, fake gifts.....

COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE WRITTEN COUNTLESS BOOKS ON THIS TOPIC, LETS LOOK AT SCRIPTURE TO SEE WHAT GOD SAYS.....

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MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Corinthians 12 v 4: There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.⁷ But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one for the profit of all:

⁸for to one is given the (1) word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the (2) word of knowledge through the same Spirit,⁹ to another (3) faith by the same Spirit, to another (4) gifts of healings by the same Spirit,¹⁰ to another the (5) working of miracles, to another (6) prophecy, to another (7) discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of (8) tongues, to another the (9) interpretation of tongues.¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

GIFTS = MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT. (Makes Himself apparent, evident, reveals Himself)

- Holy Spirit is ALWAYS PRESENT. John 14:16 says “He will abide with you forever.”
- BUT there are times when He chooses to reveal Himself to us in specific ways.

POWER GIFTS = HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTING (Revealing) the POWER OF GOD. Through:

1) FAITH

Divine ability – to trust God under all circumstances. Endure through difficulty, or doing great exploits, by pursuing the will of God, and in response to a command or promise from God. Peter walking on water. Daniel’s friends in the fire. Faith in hostile environments.

2) HEALING

Supernatural power to heal diseases.

3) MIRACLES (Acts of Power)

Casting out demons, raising the dead, power over the elements

DOES EVERYONE HAVE ALL THE GIFTS?

1 Corinthians 12 v 29: *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? **Are all workers of miracles?***³⁰ **Do all have gifts of healings?** Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?³¹ But **earnestly desire the best gifts.....**

- The Grammar suggests the answer to be: “NO.”
- Everyone DO NOT have every gift, but everyone has a gift
- The church, as a collective, should desire all the spiritual gifts.

DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 14 v 1: Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts**, [but especially that you may prophesy.]

- DESIRE = to covet, earnestly desire, move with envy, be jealous over, be zealous for (Strong's concordance)
- How will you know if you have a certain gift, except if you ask God for the gift, and exercise it.

Testimony of when I was a new believer: Friend – William / course on trauma, healing, freedom / asked – “someone with back pain?” / a man responded / Prayed / instant healing / I went home knowing there was more...Pursued healing / prayed for many people / until I saw healing (wife’s foot).

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POWER GIFTS IS ALL ABOUT GOD

Exodus 15:22-26: So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. ²⁴ And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” ²⁵ So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, ²⁶ and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For **I am the Lord who heals you [Jehovah Rapha].**”

- God promises to be their healer, as He healed the waters, and none of the Egyptian plagues will come on them.
- God is still known by this Name: Jehovah Rapha, the Lord Who heals.

Psalms 103:1-3 – David: Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³ **Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,.....**

Jeremiah 30:17 – God will restore Israel and Judah: For **I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,**’ says the Lord,...

- God is a God of Physical healing, health and wholeness, in the same way that He wants to restore our spirit and souls.

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JESUS IS THE GREAT PHYSICIAN – PART OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:30: And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with **tax collectors and sinners?**” ³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.** ³² I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

- Jesus emphasised that we need physical and spiritual healing.

- Healing from sin and healing from physical disease runs parallel throughout Scripture.

Matthew 9:2-6 – Jesus says to the paralytic: “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”

³And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”

⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘**Your sins are forgiven you,**’ or to say, ‘**Arise and walk**’? ⁶But that you may know that **the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins**”—then He said to the paralytic, “**Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.**” ⁷And he arose and departed to his house.

- Jesus has power over sin and disease

John 5:1-15 – Jesus healed lame man at the pool of Bethesda, and say to him: “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.”

- I am NOT SAYING that that your sin causes sickness and disease!
- I am saying that HEALING IS PART OF THE GOSPEL (the Good News).
- Salvation (Sozo) = Save, Healed, Delivered. (Spirit, soul, body)

Isaiah 53:4: Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He *was* **wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;** The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.**

1 Peter 3:24: who Himself **bore our sins** in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed.**

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JESUS PREACHED THE GOSPEL IN POWER & DEMONSTRATED THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Acts 10 v 38:how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about doing good and **healing all who were oppressed by the devil**, for **God was with Him.**

Luke 5 v 17:He (*Jesus*) was teaching,.....And the **power of the Lord was present to heal....**

Matthew 9 v 35: Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing every sickness and every disease** among the people.

Matthew 11 v 4: Jesus reply to John the Baptist: “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* ⁶And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

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THE APOSTLES & DISCIPLES PREACHED THE GOSPEL IN POWER

Luke 9 v 1 – Jesus sending out the 12: Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them **power and authority** over all **demons, and to cure diseases.** ² He sent them to **preach the kingdom of God** and to **heal the sick.....****Luke 9 v 6:** So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Matthew 10 v 7 – Jesus sending out the 12: And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.’ ⁸ **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.** Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 10 v 17 – after Jesus sent out the 70: Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.¹⁹ Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.²⁰ **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”**

- Power is not an end in itself; it is a tool (gift) to be used for the greater purpose of proclaiming the King & His Kingdom.

Acts 8 v 5- Phillip in Samaria: Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **preached Christ** to them. ⁶ And the **multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.** ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

- God confirms His word with power

NOW, JESUS SEND US TO PREACH HIS GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18 – the Great Commission: “**All authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**” Amen

- Jesus gives us the AUTHORITY and His Spirit (POWER) to make disciples.

John 20 v 21 – Jesus commissions the Apostles: So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit**”

- As the Father sent Jesus, He now sends us
 - To preach His Gospel, and demonstrate it with power.
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WE NEED HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTED IN POWER TO WITNESS

John 15 v 26: “But when the **Helper** comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.** ²⁷ And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

- HOLY SPIRIT - WITNESS ABOUT JESUS & HIS GOSPEL MESSAGE
- We are CO-WORKERS with Holy Spirit

Luke 24 v 46: Then *Jesus* said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the (1) Christ to suffer and to (2) rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that (3) repentance and (4) remission of sins should be **preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ **And you are witnesses of these things.** ⁴⁹ Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.**”

- WAIT FOR POWER. We will need power to witness.

Acts 1 v 8: But you shall **receive power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be **witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS, POWER IS NEEDED. HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US.

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WHY DO WE NEED POWER TO WITNESS?

1. SPEAK BOLDLY

John 14 v 26: But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Mark 13 v 11: But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

2. DEMONSTRATE

- PROOF: Jesus is real, the Kingdom is real
- DISPLAY: power of God

1 Corinthians 4 v 20 – Paul:For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WITNESS THROUGH POWER

Hebrews 2 v 3:(Do Not) neglect so great a **salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, **God also bearing witness** both with **signs and wonders**, with various **miracles**, and **gifts of the Holy Spirit**, according to His own will?

- Salvation message was 1st preached by Jesus, then the apostles
- God authenticated the message with Power gifts through Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2 v 1 - Paul: And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified**. ³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- Paul preached: Person & work of Jesus. Holy Spirit **convicts us of Sin, Righteousness and judgment** (John 16 v 8), and confirms the Word through power.
- If someone can talk us into salvation, a smarter person can talk us out of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 1:5:for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but **also in power, and in the Holy Spirit** and in much assurance,

Romans 15:19: For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in (1) **word** and (2) **deed**, to make the Gentiles obedient— ¹⁹ in mighty (3) **signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God**, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have **fully preached the gospel of Christ**.

The Gospel is the Power of God unto salvation (Romans 1 v 16). It is proclaimed through:

1. Words (Gospel Message)
2. Works (actions)
3. Ways (fruit of the Spirit)
4. Signs & Wonders – by the power of the Spirit (Power gifts)

POWER GIFTS – KEY in DEMONSTRATION, AND PROOF - OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Mark 16:17: And He said to them, “**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature**. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ **And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ **And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.** Amen.

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THE NAME OF JESUS

PETER AND JOHN: ACTS 3 & 4

Acts 3 v 1: Peter and John went up together to theman lame from his mother’s wombasked for alms..... Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**” immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.....

.....all the people ran together to them....greatly amazed. ¹² So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?.....

¹⁶ **And His name (*Jesus*), through faith in His name, has made this man strong**

(Then they preached Jesus to the people.)

Acts 4 v 1:the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees.....put *them* in custody.....rulers, elders, and scribes.....asked, “**By what power or by what name have you done this?**”

⁸ **Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them.....by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole..... Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”**

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. **And they realized that they had been with Jesus.**

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the **people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.** ²² For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

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PRACTICAL EXAMPLE: HOW TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Luke 13 v 11: Now He (*Jesus*) was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. ¹² But when Jesus (1) **saw her**, He (2) **called her to Him** and (3) **said** to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” ¹³ And He (4) **laid His hands on her**, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

NOT A FORMULA, BUT AN EXAMPLE

- (1) See people & Compassion
- (2) Call them to Jesus – revelation knowledge of Him. Point to Him.
- (3) Speak & declare – the Name of Jesus for healing or deliverance
- (4) Laying on of hands - impartation

RESPOND

Prayer for Boldness

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said:

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that **with all boldness they may speak Your word**, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to **heal, and that signs and wonders** may be done **through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.**”

³¹ 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.

PRAY:

- Baptism of Holy Spirit, receive power
- Impartation of spiritual Gifts
- Courage & Boldness to declare the Gospel
- Manifestation of Holy Spirit in Power.

John 14:12 – Jesus: “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. ¹³ **And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

Luke 11 V 9: 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.** ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ 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? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ 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!**”

1 Corinthians 14:desire spiritual gifts....

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