

The Mighty Promise

WARM-UP

- If you had an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be? Why?
- What topic do you like to talk about the most? Why?
- Which of your traits are you most confident about?

WORD

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **ACTS 1:8**

(Read also **ACTS 1:4-7.**)

The Holy Spirit is God Himself who dwells in us and guides us every day. When we make room for the Holy Spirit and walk in Him, He will help us live a life that reflects Christ. Today, we will look at how we can live this Spirit-empowered life.

1 Be baptized in the Spirit.

“. . . for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ACTS 1:5

For us to live a Spirit-empowered life, we must first *be baptized with the Holy Spirit*. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised His disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in His name (John 14:26). Because we belong to Christ, by faith we will also receive the Holy Spirit He promised. Recall the time you were baptized with the Holy Spirit. What happened?

2 Receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you . . .” ACTS 1:8

(Read also **ROMANS 15:17-20**.)

The Holy Spirit comes upon us with the power of God. When we receive the Holy Spirit in our lives, He dwells in us forever and empowers us to live holy lives. He also blesses us with the power of spiritual gifts, which we use to serve others. According to Romans 15:18,19, what can we do with the power of the Spirit?

3 Be a witness of Christ.

“. . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ACTS 1:8

The Holy Spirit not only empowers us, but also gives us the boldness to be witnesses of Christ to the world. When we live a Spirit-empowered life, we can't help but preach the gospel. How has the Holy Spirit helped you preach the gospel to someone you don't know?

APPLICATION

- Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live Spirit-empowered lives. How can you tap into the power of the Holy Spirit each day and stop relying on your own strength?
- Knowing that the Holy Spirit empowers you and blesses you with spiritual gifts, how will the way you live change? What is one thing you can do this week that will enable you to move in His gifts?
- Do you have a family member or friend that needs to hear the gospel? How can you take hold of the power and boldness that the Holy Spirit gives us to preach to him/her this week?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the Holy Spirit who enables you to live an empowered life. Pray that He will help you remember to always rely on the Spirit.
- Ask God to give you a gift of the Spirit to help you minister to others. Pray that as you move in the Spirit, your relationship with Him will grow deeper and be strengthened.
- Pray for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to be seen more in your life so that others will come to know Him. Pray that as you continue to move in the power of the Holy Spirit, you will be able to boldly preach the gospel to others.

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