

# Sermon Notes

## Power - Acts 1:5-8

### February 28, 2021

#### I. Introduction

- a. how many pieces in full armor of God... must put on every piece and use...  
Matt 11:6... "blessed is the one who isn't offended by Me..."  
Eph 6:18... "belt, body armor, shoes, shield, helmet, sword... thru (by/and) praying in the Spirit at all times and every occasion..."

**It is difficult to expect the same results of the early church when we value a book they didn't have... more than the Holy Spirit they did have. Bill Johnson**

- b. compare early church to today... what's missing... why... pray...  
Luke 1:35... "HS will come upon you... power will overshadow you..."  
John 14:12... "you will do works that I do... and even greater works..."  
Eph 3:20... "do more than you ask or think... according to power in us..."

#### II. Power

- a. how many biblical baptisms... by HS in family... by leader in water... by Jesus in HS... each separate, unique, distinct... baptism of belief, water, Spirit...  
1Cor 12:12-14... "we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body..."  
Acts 10:47-48... "can anyone withhold water... for being baptized..."  
Matt 3:11... "I baptize with water... He will baptize you with the HS..."
- b. belief saves us... water identifies us... Spirit empowers us... difference between HS in us... and us in HS... separate events or Paul wouldn't have asked...  
Acts 1:3-8... "wait... baptized with water... will be baptized with HS..."  
Acts 2:38... "repent... be baptized, each of you... receive gift of the HS..."  
Acts 8:12-17... "believed... water baptized... prayed to receive HS..."  
Acts 18-19... "believed... baptized... laid hands, HS came on them..."
- c. not just for apostles... Matt 3 is before any were even called... Acts 8 was 5 years after Pentecost... Acts 10 was 10 years after... Acts 19 was 25 years after Pentecost and early church was still preaching need to be baptized in HS...
- d. look at how Trinity parallels baptism... baptism by Spirit, water, Jesus on earth... get saved become new person... water buries old person... Spirit gives you power...  
1John 5:7... "three bear witness in heaven... Father, Word and HS... these agree..."  
1John 5:8... "three bear witness on earth... Spirit, water, blood... these agree..."
- e. could it be... many don't have power because they've never been baptized into HS by Jesus... why was He able to do miracles... not because He was God...  
Phil 2:7... "He emptied Himself by... taking on the likeness of men..."  
kenoo... lay aside equality with God; deprive of force; make of no effect...

**Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, most exhausting, and most tedious, of all work... but when you are filled with the Holy Spirit... then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you. Corrie ten Boom**

- f. miracles Jesus did on earth... did as a man empowered by the HS... not as God... had to be that way or we couldn't do greater works than He did...  
Matt 3:13-17... "after Jesus was baptized... Spirit descended on Him..."  
Luke 4:13-19... "filled with HS power... Spirit upon Me, He has anointed Me..."  
Acts 10:36-38... "God anointed Jesus with the HS and with power..."  
chrio... furnish Jesus with necessary power; give Christians gift of HS...
- g. so how do we get furnished with power to perform miracles... be like Jesus... did not do any miracles until after He was baptized in HS... same true for us...  
Acts 1:5-8... "be baptized with HS... receive power when HS comes on you..."  
dynamis... power, ability; power for performing miracles... moral, financial, physical...  
2Cor 1:20-22... "God anointed us... put His Spirit in our hearts..."  
chrio... furnish Jesus with necessary power; give Christians gift of HS...  
1John 2:20-27... "you have an anointing... anointing remains in you..."  
chrisma... special endowment of the Holy Spirit...
- h. not just for certain denominations... for all believers... this is normal... abnormal for Christians not to be baptized with HS... power tied specifically to this...  
Luke 3:22... "HS descended on Him... You are My beloved Son..."  
Acts 2:1-4... "tongues, like fire, rested... all filled with HS..."  
Acts 8:14-17... "prayed to receive HS... not yet come... received HS..."  
Acts 10:43-48... "HS came down... HS poured out on Gentiles..."  
Acts 19:1-6... "when Paul laid hands on them... HS came on them..."
- i. remember... this is a choice... not automatic at salvation... power is an awesome benefit... but there's more when you're baptized by Jesus in HS...  
Sharing the Gospel  
Matt 10:20... "not you who speak... but Spirit of our Father in you..."  
Luke 12:12... "HS will teach you at that time what must be said..."  
Acts 2:1-4... "filled with HS... Spirit gave them ability for speech..."
- Communicate Directly to God  
Rom 8:26... "don't know what to pray... HS prays for us..."  
1Cor 14:2... "talking only to God... speaking by the power of the HS..."  
Eph 5:17-20... "understand what God wants you to do... be being filled with HS..."
- Bold in Persecution / Spiritual Warfare  
Acts 3... "in name of Jesus, walk... why are you amazed by this..."  
Acts 4... "by what power did you heal... filled with HS... by name of Jesus..."  
Acts 13... "filled with HS... stared at sorcerer, son of devil... people believed..."
- j. only two things keep you from abundant life... lack of knowledge and unbelief... don't wait any longer... time to believe... not why, but why not...  
Hosea 4:6... "people destroyed for lack of knowledge... or rejected knowledge..."  
Eph 4:18... "excluded from life of God... because of ignorance, hard hearts..."
- k. how do you get baptized with the Holy Spirit by Jesus Himself... pray...  
Acts 1:4-8... "do not leave... wait for the gift the Father has promised..."  
Acts 19:1-6... "haven't heard there was HS... HS came..."  
Acts 8:4-17... "Paul laid hands on them and they received HS..."  
1John 5:14-15... "ask anything according to His will... have what you ask..."

**Father, I recognize my need for more of Your power in my life. By faith, I receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit by Jesus Himself. Show me how this power can transform my life and the lives of others. The HS is welcome in my life. Thank you.**

## Receive the Holy Spirit

John 7:39... *those who believed were going to receive the Spirit...*

The matter of the **Holy Spirit in Christianity is so important** that we must spend another week upon it. The church has in large measure tried to bypass Pentecost and go after its problems without the waiting. Consequently, it is exhausting itself against the problems of the day. Had the disciples tried to bypass Pentecost, we would never have heard of them again. They would have exhausted themselves against the problems of that day.

A river in California starts toward the sea but never gets there; it is lost in the sands. The spiritual life of many is like that. It starts, but it is lost in the sands of surrounding life; it doesn't get to its destination. Halford Luccock said that *when a respectable middle-class Christian goes Christian, that's news*. When the semi-barren disciples **surrendered to the Holy Spirit** at Pentecost, it became news... **good news** to the world. That can happen now.

But the question is asked: *doesn't every Christian possess the Holy Spirit?* And the answer is yes. But the difference is probably this: in the new birth, you have the Holy Spirit; in the fullness, the **Holy Spirit has you**. Before Pentecost, the disciples had the Holy Spirit, but after Pentecost, the Holy Spirit had them. In **Gal 5:16-18**, we see three stages: the life of the Spirit, the passion of the Spirit, and the sway of the Spirit. The **life of the Spirit** is when new life is introduced within us by the Spirit. The **passion of the Spirit** is when the new life bursts periodically into passionate operation. The **sway of the Spirit** is when the Holy Spirit exercises a perpetual control over surrendered powers and capacities.

We now come to the place where you not only see but seek. You want to know the truth of the Holy Spirit as a fact in your life. You are not content to see others used of the Spirit and yourself bypassed. You put yourself into line for the fulfillment of God's promise. You shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. **Acts 2:38-39**. The Holy Spirit is God coming within me. Here God **changes the with to in**. I am grateful for the with, but I cannot be satisfied this side of the in.

Spirit of the living God, I have found life thru you, and sometimes it bursts into a passion for souls; but I **want most of all to have you in perpetual sway over me**, a **continuous passion and power**. Today, I shall be Spirit-saved, Spirit-stayed, and Spirit obeyed.

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## Sermon Study

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1. If you were to **compare** the early church to today's church... what is missing? Read **Luke 1:35... John 14:12... Eph 3:20**. What do you think could be some possible reasons for our **lack of power**?
2. What are the **three biblical baptisms**? Read **1Cor 12:12-14... Acts 10:47-48... Matt 3:11**. Have you **participated** in all of them? Why or why not?
3. Read **Acts 1:3-8; 2:38; 8:12-17; 10:44-48; 18-19**. How do you see the baptisms being **distinct and separate** events?
4. Did **Jesus do miracles** on earth because He was God? Read **Phil 2:7**. If not, **how** did He do them? Read **Matt 3:13-17... Luke 4:13-19... Acts 10:36-38**. Do you believe He **needed help**?
5. How do **we do** miracles? Read **Acts 1:5-8... 2Cor 1:20-22... 1John 2:20-27**. Is that possible without the **anointing of the HS**?
6. **What else** does the baptism of the HS provide us with? Read **Matt 10:20, Luke 12:12, Acts 2:1-4... Rom 8:26, 1Cor 14:2, Eph 5:17-20... Acts 3; 4, 13**. **Do you want** those things?
7. If you haven't yet, are you ready to be **baptized with the Spirit**? Read **Hosea 4:6** and **Eph 4:18**. Don't wait any longer. If you have questions, please let us know. We want to help **release this power!!**  
Read **Acts 1:4-8; 19:1-6; 8:4-17... 1John 5:14-15**.