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Appropriating **DIVINE POWER**



(How Can We See Results?)

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How Can We See Results?

"...you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will BE my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

*"Witness is a noun.
You are a witness.
For good or bad you
are a verbal witness
and a visual witness."
Unknown*

The power of The Holy Spirit results in a _____ that is a witness:

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

love _____

joy _____

peace _____

patience _____

kindness _____

goodness _____

faithfulness _____

gentleness _____

self-control _____

*"We try to live in
such a way that no
one will be hindered
from finding the Lord
by the way we
act..."
2 Corinthians 6:3 (NLT)*





S E S S I O N F I V E

Notice again Acts 1:8 "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes ON you; and you will be my witnesses..."

The disciples had the Holy Spirit in them. *"And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* John 20:22

But they needed an empowering by the Holy Spirit and they received it on the Day of Pentecost.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and about 3,000 were added to their number that day." Acts 2:4,47

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:31

"The great power of the Holy Spirit is first of all for witnessing."
Greg Laurie

"It is staggering to remember that Peter walked with Jesus for three years and received teaching, discipleship, and a moral example unparalleled in all of history. And yet all of that never made Peter the man God intended him to be. It was not until we see Peter 'filled with the Holy Spirit' that things really turned around."

Jim Cymbala



S E S S I O N F I V E

How does the Holy Spirit come ON you?

“ . . .if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”
Romans 8:9

Like the early disciples, if you are truly a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit in you. He came in when you were saved:

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and all who are far off...”

Acts 2:38-39

Also, like the first disciples you need to be empowered, to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

“ . . .I depend on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.”
Colossians 1:29

In fact, we are _____ to be filled with the Spirit:

“... understand what the Lord's will is... be filled with the Spirit...”
Ephesians 5:17-18

SO THE QUESTION IS:

How are you to be “filled with the Spirit?”

If something is to be filled with any substance, it must be

_____ of anything that is already in it!



S E S S I O N F I V E

How can YOU be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Empty yourself of anything and everything that does not please God.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

Of every _____

Of every _____

Of every _____

Ask Him to fill you right now with His Holy Spirit!

I DID IT!

NAME _____

DATE _____

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations. Amen."
Ephesians 3:20-21*



S E S S I O N F I V E

What Now?

“The life of a believer, a follower of Jesus Christ, is to be so demonstrably different from the life of an unbeliever, that it validates the reality of Jesus Christ, and causes people to want it!”
Unknown

1. You LEAK! Confess sins immediately!

2. You have made life changing commitments this week. Be assured, Satan is not happy with your decision to become a daily witness for Jesus Christ. Further, your life will be very busy. It will help you greatly if you have accountability. Right now, please pray, think and then ask another person here tonight to ask you the following questions each time you meet:

- “Did you keep your priorities in order this past week?”
- “Did you obey Jesus’ command to witness this past week?”
- “Did you think about the fate of your lost friends this week?”
- “Did you share your testimony this past week?”
- “Did you pass out any tracts this past week?”
- “Did you pray at every meal this past week?”

My Accountability Partner

Phone Number

3. Commit to share your story with one person before Sunday!

Lastly— make this your “wake up” prayer each morning:

“Lord, I want to glorify You in my life today. Help me love people like You love them. Give me a burden for lost people. Help me look for opportunities to witness today.”

S E S S I O N F I V E

The Holy Spirit DIFFERENCE

“What God did on the Day of Pentecost was dramatic and powerful. One of the biblical symbols of the Holy Spirit is wind, and the wind in the upper room that day wasn’t just a little breeze; it was ‘violent’ according to Acts 2:2. In many of us, we need just such a strong wind to blow out the rubbish that has accumulated. We need a major renovation of our spiritual lives, not just a rearrangement of the furniture.

“After that, the people in the upper room spoke in languages they did not know except as ‘the Spirit enabled them’. The ecstatic tongues that flowed from these ordinary people were identified by visitors from all around the Mediterranean who had come to Jerusalem that week. The immediate result of their baptism with the Holy Spirit was that they began to do something they could not normally do.

Without getting into the debates that have arisen about speaking in tongues, let us focus on the main point of this passage: God by his Spirit enabled ordinary men and women to do and say things beyond their natural abilities. They became supernaturally empowered.

“Praise God for his ability to lift us above ourselves! Otherwise, where would all of us be? Especially people ... who never got to go to a Bible college or seminary ... others who say, “I don’t have this talent or that ability.”

The Holy Spirit is still greater today than all our shortcomings and failures. He has come to free us from the restraints and complexes of insufficient talent, intelligence, or upbringing. He intends to do through us what only He can do. The issue is not our ability but rather our availability to the person of the Holy Spirit.”

From [Fresh Power](#) (page 44-45) by Jim Cymbala, Zondervan Publishing

“The essentials for successful Kingdom advance are the development of a desperate passion and the use of Divine power...”
Roy J. Fish

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Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (“Steps to Peace with God”) 704-401-3200
billygraham.org

Every Believer a Witness 1-866-888-8589
everybelieverawitness.org

BOOKS

Unscripted, Jeff Iorg

Living in the Light of Eternity, K. P. Yohannan

The Gospel & Personal Evangelism, Mark Dever

Becoming a Contagious Christian, Mark Mittelberg, Zondervan

Called to Greatness: Becoming a Lifeline for Those Who Need Help, Ron Hutchcraft, Moody Press

Just Walk Across the Room, Bill Hybels, Zondervan

Fresh Power, Jim Cymbala, Zondervan

Share Jesus Without Fear, Bill Fay, Broadman & Holman

WEB SITES/TRAINING

EvanTell Ministries, evantell.org

Mark Cahill Ministries, markcahill.org

Ray Comfort, Way of the Master, livingwaters.com

Dare 2 Share (youth/teens), dare2share.org

The Ordinary Christian (weekly videos on witnessing), theordinarychristian.com

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“If you try to have a ministry based on your power, your strength, you are going to fail. You’re going to fall on your face. You have got to do it in His power, and in His strength.”
 Franklin Graham