

# The Power Of The Holy Spirit

***“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***  
*(Acts 1:8)*

The Lord Jesus Christ after His death on the cross for our sins, He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. But then, ***“After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*** (Acts 1:3-4) After His resurrection the Lord Jesus promised His disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit, the gift of God the Father to those who believe in Jesus and put their trust in Him. Our Lord Jesus Christ promised His disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on them. The Holy Spirit is not by Himself is the power but He will give the power. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the trinity, He is God; like God the Father, God the Son, we have God the Holy Spirit. When we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord over our lives we receive a down payment of the Holy Spirit the seal of our redemption. But when we receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit we have the power of the Holy Spirit in three major areas.

***1- The power of resourcefulness:*** The Holy Spirit is God and He can do to you things of God that can make your life easy and effective. The Holy Spirit can give you the skills to do and achieve certain task that you have not done before. When God asked Moses to build the Ark of the Covenant He gave him skillful people whom He put His Spirit on them and enabled them to do all the skillful work. ***“Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts -- to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers -- all of them master craftsmen and designers.”*** (Exodus 35:30-35) When there is certain task need to be done the Holy Spirit of God would give to certain people the skills to achieve that task. The Holy Spirit is the source of all the gifts of the God as we read here, ***“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still***

***another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”*** (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) Among these gifts, the message of wisdom, the message of knowledge, and to distinguish between the spirits; from these gifts we receive the important information and the required knowledge that we need in our service to God. From the gifts of healing, faith and miracles we have the action of God that required to deal effectively with life difficulties and troubles. And from the gifts of prophecy, speaking of different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues we have the communication skills and the power to convey the message of God to the people. The Holy Spirit can create a new gift or skill on the spot when that needed to achieve any task. Truly the Holy Spirit is our reserve and our supply.

***2- The power of Reflection:*** ***“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*** (2 Corinthians 5:18) The Holy Spirit that lives inside us will combat and oppose the work of the flesh in our lives, and He will build in our character, personality and attitude the fruit of the Holy Spirit that are: Love, peace, joy, patient, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. People need to see Jesus in us, and the most profound character of Jesus is love. And to reflect the love of Jesus to the world and to other it means we need to be transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory. What great thing that people would see the glory of God and Jesus in us.

***3- The power of Resiliency:*** This is the power to bounce back when pressure from outside press on us. We may pass trials, troubles, tribulation, and persecution but since we have the Holy Spirit inside us we have the power to resist, stand firm and bounce back, ***“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us”*** (2Corinthians 4:7) Yes truly we have troubles but we are maintained, ***“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body”*** (2 Corinthians 4:8-10) Trials and troubles would make us stronger; ***“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*** (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

***My Dear and Beloved:*** You need the power of the Holy Spirit in your life because as we understand from the scriptures the Holy Spirit is the resource for our living and ministry. He is the source of our strength and the reflection of the glory of Jesus in our lives. Therefore commit your life to the Lord, honour God, live in holiness and ask Him to give you the Holy Spirit that you need for godly living and for serving Him, as you agree to pray.

***My Prayer:*** *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus. Lord forgive me my sin \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord I ask you to give me the gift of the Holy Spirit in my life because I want to live my life for you. Enable me Lord to serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*