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Now that we have discussed everyone's destiny is evangelistic (Matt 28:19, Mark16:15) and we are told to get the power to be \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts1:8)

### Who says we need this power?

- **After Jesus has risen from the dead, he told his disciples to wait in the city until they were clothed with power.(Luke24:49, Acts1:4)**
- **Not to do this would be disobedience and sin**

### Who needs the power?

- All believers who desire to be a witness need to be endued with power.(Acts1:8)
- All regenerated or born again believers are qualified for the power (Acts2:38-39)including women and children
- All believers that have consecrated their heart to the Lord's will, those who have realized they are called to be a witness, those who have realized that Jesus is Lord and Christ, and those who are ready to obey Him. (Acts 5:32)
- Non-believer's can't receive and don't need this power. (John14:17)

**The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift received additional to salvation.**

- The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ in John 20:22 but received power in Acts2:4
- When Phillip went down to the city of Samaria they had received salvation(Acts8:14) then secondly received power(Acts8:14-17)

### Who are our models who have received this power?

- John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit (Luke1:15)

- \_\_\_\_\_ received power when he was baptized in the Jordan River (Matt 3:16, Mark1:10, Luke3:21-22)
- The disciples received the power on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4). That means all one hundred and twenty including Stephen, Phillip, and the Virgin Mary.
- Paul received the power and was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts9:17)

**All through history there has been a remnant of believers who were filled with Pentecost power including Monastis (the original monks), the Anabaptists(original Baptists), John Wesley(the founder of the Methodist church), Charles Finney, DL Moody, Smith Wigglesworth, Kathryn Kuhlman, Aimee Semple McPherson, and list goes on right up to today.**

### **What is the power and where does it come from?**

#### **A. What is the Power?**

**Power** (GR. dunamis-dynamite, dynamic, miracle, the manifestation of miracles, magnitude, amplification, abundance, great power, great strength, great virtue, and the “do the impossible”)

- The power of God is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. (Acts1:8, Luke 4:14)
  1. One is anointed (covered, smeared with, rubbed in) with the Holy Spirit - the supernatural power of God to get the job done. (Luke4:18, Acts 10:38)
- The power of God is the gospel. (Rom1:16, Heb 4:12)

#### **B. Where does it come from?**

• **Jesus** is the one who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. It was important enough that we get this that God put this in \_\_\_\_\_ and the book of Acts!

1. Matt 3:11-He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit
2. Mark1:8 - I baptize you with water but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit
3. Luke 3:16-He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire
4. John 1:33-“The man who you see the Spirit come down and rest upon (Jesus) is he who will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”
5. Acts 1:4-5- “but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

## **What is the purpose of the power? Do I need it?**

### **A. What is the purpose?**

The purpose of the power is to be a witness (Acts1:8)

1. If you are not going to be a witness you will not need this power.
2. If you are not evangelistic I question your salvation. (Luke19:10)
3. All saved need this power.

A witness (GR. martus-\_\_\_\_\_) is one who testifies to the world that Jesus is the Lord and Christ and that he is alive and lives in you

1. You need power not to be fearful but to boldly speak about Jesus (Acts4:31)
2. You need power to defeat the enemy (IJohn3:8)
3. You need power to perform miracles to confirm the preaching of the word (Mark16:20) with evidence (John14:11-12)

**Whenever we see people baptized in the Holy Spirit we see \_\_\_\_\_ that convict the world of sin (John16:8, John7:7, John15:18)**

1. John the Baptist-was filled (Luke1:15) and was bold (Luke3:7-9)
2. Jesus was filled (John 3:34) and preached boldly (Mark11:15-18)
3. Peter was filled (Acts 2:4) and preached boldly(Acts2:14-40)
4. Stephen was full of the Spirit (Acts6:5) and was very bold(Acts7:2-53)
5. Paul was filled (Acts 9:17) and spoke boldly(Acts9:20,27,28)

### **B. Pentecost's Purpose**

Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks (Deut16:10) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> great festival of the Jewish. It was a harvest festival. They presented a first fruits offering of grain (Lev23:17) and for 7 weeks or 49 days brought the grain harvest in. On the 50<sup>th</sup> day or the day of Jubilee, they feasted and that day was called the day of Pentecost.

1. 49 days of harvesting-1 day of celebration
2. The Pentecostal church seems to have 49 days of worship services and partying, and maybe 1 day of witnessing.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is to bring this harvest in before it is too late.
4. We need all hands on deck. (men, women, children)

### **C. What is not the purpose of the power?**

1. It is not the purpose of the power to have good church services
2. It is not the purpose of the power to shake, rattle and roll.

3. These are both fine and a means to the end which is to be a witness
4. To have these manifestations with no bold witness to the world, must be questioned!

### **B. Do I need it?**

- DL Moody the powerful American evangelist of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century who turned this country upside down for Christ said, “That’s what all men and women \_\_\_\_\_, the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Why don’t they see that the thing they criticize is the one thing they **need**?”

- It was said that the fiery preacher, Charles Finney, converted 50% of certain cities with 85-90% retention rate in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Finney said, “The great **need** of the church at present is the clear conviction that this commission to convert the world is given to each of Christ’s disciples as his life work. The second great **need** is the clear conviction of the necessity of this endowment of power upon every individual soul.”

- **If Jesus said it was an essential gift from God (Acts 1:4-5) and that we would need it to get the job done (Luke 24:49), then we must stop treating the baptism in the Holy Spirit as a \_\_\_\_\_ (*cherry on top of a sundae*) and see it as it is; a necessity to win the world for Christ. (Acts 19:2)**

### **How do I get the power?**

- Realize that God gave the promised Holy Spirit on Pentecost 2000 years ago. He has never left so all you have to do is receive; you don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_ God to give Him to you. (Acts 2:32-33).

- The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a gift. Like your salvation you can’t earn it. (Acts 1:4, 2:38)

- If you are saved you are ready to receive the power for service. (Acts 2:38-39)

- Expect to speak in \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 16:20) You are to do the speaking; the Holy Spirit will give the utterance. You are going to use your breathe, vocal cords, lips, and tongue.

1. The Holy Spirit is not going to overtake you so you are not out of control
2. The Holy Spirit doesn’t speak in tongues. You speak, (Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46, Acts 19:6) He’ll give you the words.
3. God works with your flesh. (Joel 2:28)

- Ask and expect to receive. If it's from God it will be good and you don't have to be afraid (Luke 11:13) He won't give you a substitute

- Open your mouth and let your tongue and lips speak the words the Holy Spirit gives you and begin to move in the gifts of the Spirit. (healing, works of knowledge, etc... (Acts 19:6)

### **There are other benefits to being filled with the Holy Spirit**

1. Build yourself up- (I Cor 14:4, Jude 20)
2. Conscious of His presence-evidence (Acts 10:46)
3. Pray in line with God's will (Rom 8:26)
4. Builds faith (Jude20)
5. Give thanks to God (1Cor14:17)
6. Intensifies \_\_\_\_\_(1Cor14:15)
7. Helps yield your tongue (James3:8)

### **These all help you to have power to be a witness!!!!**

We must stay filled with the Holy Spirit by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_(Acts 4:31)
2. Obedience (Acts 5:32)
3. Witness (Acts 4:31-33)
4. Worship in the Spirit (Eph 5:18-19)

Like Jesus, we must regularly pour gas on the fire so we can continually and increasingly be a witness and fulfill our destiny. (Eph 5:18)

## How to minister the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Simply take and minister each scripture to them! Faith comes where the will of God is known. They will receive the **BAPTISM!** (Acts 1:5)

Breathed on them. He's already in you. **John 20:22**

Always wait for the gift. It is a gift you cant earn like **Acts 1:5, Acts 2:38**

Power to be a witness. **Acts 1:8**

Tongues-they **all** spoke in tongues. Jesus said one sign of a believer would be that they would speak in new tongues. Expect to speak in tongues.

**Acts 2:4, Mark 16:17**

Instantly filled. You don't need to tarry or wait. **Acts 19:6**

Secondary gift after salvation. **Acts 8:14-17**

Make a demand on His promise. You don't have to fear. He is good God and will only give you good things. **Luke 11:13, Acts 2:39**

Lay your hands on them and watch Jesus baptize them!

## Lesson 8 Homework

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- 1. Listen to Hell's Best Kept Secret
- 2. Listen to Citytaker Gospel Presentation
- 3. Begin to read Hell's Best Kept Secret
- 4. Pray over your Target List
- 5. Be intentional to witness to someone on your Target List this week
- 6. Hand out 5 tracts
- 7. Call Citytaker Partner