

Welcome to:



Our Vision

We exist to create the atmosphere for God's Presence to manifest in **POWER** daily, corporately and individually for victorious living!!

How do we do this?

Having **DAILY ENCOUNTERS** with God!!

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The Holy Spirit in the 21st Century – Purpose and Giftings

Purpose of the Holy Spirit

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- ✓ Teach you all things
- ✓ Bring back to remembrance what Jesus said.

Acts 1:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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The Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

- a. Receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.
- b. To be a witness to Me (Jesus Christ) to Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the world. For us: Tucson (which ever city you live in), Arizona, the United States and to the World.
- c. Power: Dunamis – miracle working power in abundance, strength, violence and might. (Atom bomb on steroids)

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Witness to Jesus: Witness means judicially, legal court document or testimony. A martyr or a record of something that is true.

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God has embowered you to operate on the Behalf of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit here upon the EARTH to advance, authenticate and demonstrate the POWER of the Kingdom of God in the NOW!!!!

- ✓ Don't abuse it but use it!!
- ✓ Demonstrate – tangible - the POWER

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The Church grew in the Book of Acts spiritually and numerically because of the Power of God being demonstrated. They were not afraid to step out and be used in the Gifts of the Spirit found in 1 Corinthians 12-14.

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Acts 2:22-39 Peter's sermon caused many to turn to Jesus Christ and on that day 3000 Souls were added to the Kingdom of God.

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Mark 16:15–20 (NKJV) 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

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This type of power and boldness comes from Being Baptized in the Holy Spirit as we seen in Acts 1:8. Jesus tells them these **signs will follow those who believe**: In the name of **Jesus Christ** they will:

- ✓ Cast out demons
- ✓ Will speak with new tongues
- ✓ Take up serpents and if they drink anything deadly it will by no means hurt them (not talking about snake handling in religious ceremonies)
- ✓ They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.
- ✓ The Lord went with them working through them!!!

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The Father fully intended that the church would call on the name of Jesus Christ, fully surrender to the leading of the Holy Spirit and operate in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in demonstrations authenticating His Word, His Purpose and His desire upon humanity.

God sends Holy Spirit (John 14:26) as the Helper when Jesus is resurrected and Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and Fire (Matthew 3:11)

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When you get baptized in the Holy Spirit God fully intends you to operate with demonstrations in the power of the Holy Spirit!!! These gift signs are still in operation today. They have been abused by some and have been neglected by a majority of the church today. But one thing is for sure, they have not vanished away with the apostles (they didn't give these gifts the Holy Spirit did and does and the Holy Spirit is alive and well and living inside every born again Believer today.)

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3 Guiding principles that distinguish the ways of the Holy Spirit

- ✓ **The principle of conscious control.** The power of the Holy Spirit does not drive people into wild compulsive acts. His gentle ministry strengthens human personality. He empowers, He does not overpower.
- ✓ **The principle that Christ is glorified.** All manifestations of the Spirit will harmonize with the truth about Jesus.
- ✓ **The principle of credal faith.** The main work of the Holy Spirit is to bring people under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (NKJV) 12 Now concerning **spiritual gifts, brethren**, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

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7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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The Revelation Gifts

- I. Word of Knowledge: A word or a bit of the knowledge of God concerning facts or events currently or previously in existence.

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Examples (Visions)

Acts 9:10-12: Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. "And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

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1 Samuel 3:4-15 (NKJV) Eli's Sons.

(11) Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹² In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

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Examples (Visions)

Acts 10:19: While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you.

Immediately a knock at the door and there was 3 men from Cornelius household.

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Examples (Inward ReveatioN)

John 6:61: When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?

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2 Kings 5:25-26: Now he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere." Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants?

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2 Kings 6:9–12 (NKJV) 9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 10 Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

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II. Word of Wisdom

A. Not natural wisdom

1. Every believer has access to wisdom in the affairs of life.

2. James 1:5 (JKJV): If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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Even unbelievers have wisdom in daily/worldly affairs.

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A Word of Wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God revealing the purpose of God, the will of God, and His knowledge of coming events.

Always predicts or instructs concerning the future.
EXAMPLE: O.T. prophecies of the coming Messiah

Manifested in same ways as Word of knowledge.

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Acts 9:10-16 Revealed plan for Paul's future ministry. Also gave instructions concerning the immediate actions to be taken.

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13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 **For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."**

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Acts 11:28-30 Prophesied regarding a coming calamity in order that provision might be made.

Acts 11:28-30 (NKJV): Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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Acts 27:21–25 (NKJV) 21 But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. 22 And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, 24 saying, '**Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.**' 25 Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

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2 Kings 20:1-6 A word concerning judgment followed by one concerning deliverance. Notice the word of wisdom may be conditional.

2 Kings 20:1–6 (NKJV) In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'" 2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

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4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 "**Return and tell Hezekiah** the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "**I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.** 6 **And I will add to your days fifteen years.** I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.'" "

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III. Discerning of spirits

A. Not the "gift of discernment"

1. There is no "gift of discernment".
2. Every believer has the ability to discern good and evil, truth and error.

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1 John 2:20;27: (20) But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. (27) But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

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Discerning of Spirits is a Supernatural insight into events in the spirit realm; seeing into the realm of the spirit.

1. NOTICE: This is not confined to evil spirits; may discern angels also.
2. The same information, IE. the presence of a spirit, may also come by the Word of knowledge.

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Examples of Discerning of Spirits

1. Revelation 1:10-20 John saw Jesus.

Revelation 1:10–20 (NKJV) (10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying

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2. 2 Kings 6:17 Saw angels.

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New Testament Examples

Did Paul see the spirit?

Acts 16:18: And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

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There are many other opinions as to the definition of this gift. Discerning is the Greek word "diakrisis" which means to judge between, to distinguish, to dispute, or to discern a difference. It seems clear this gift has to do with determining the source of activity in the spirit realm. It may refer to demons, angels, or men.

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These Gifts that are given by the Holy Spirit need to be in operation today within the lives of the Believer in Christ Jesus, the local church and in the market places but they need to be used in order and as a witness to Jesus Christ:

- ✓ Word of Knowledge
- ✓ Word of Wisdom
- ✓ Discerning of Spirits

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