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Part of Gifted - Expect to be Empowered

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Message: Supernatural

Series: Gifted: Expect to be Empowered

This is our third message in the series Gifted: Expect to be Empowered!

The goal of this series is to bring you closer to the Holy Spirit by understanding who He is and what He can do for you. Hopefully you will understand the different spiritual gifts and by the end, be able to identify and employ your giftedness within the church.

Review

- Power comes from God's HOLY SPIRIT
- We believe in ONE God (we are a monotheistic religion)
 - made up of THREE persons
- We call it the HOLY TRINITY
 - God the Father
 - God the Son (Jesus)
 - God the Holy Spirit (God's Holy Spirit)
- Jesus PROMISED to give us the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus' promise is fulfilled at Pentecost
- The Holy Spirit gives LIFE
- The power of the Holy Spirit allows us to restrain EVIL and do GOOD

Introduction

God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves.

—A.W. Tozer

Why has our world become what it is today? Why are churches declining and wasting away? Why are believers being defeated by the enemy? Because we plan, we do, we live in this bubble of “me” and we try to do life by ourself... without each other... without God. You can never live a supernatural life in the bubble of “me” - in fact, I’ll go on to say - if you live in that bubble, then you’re choosing to live without God. That was never the life He intended for you!

—Pastor Chad

What You Gain from a Supernatural Life

Philippians 3:8-11 (NLT)

8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ
9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,
11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

- You gain CHRIST (v8)
- You gain RIGHTEOUSNESS (v9a)
- You gain FAITH (v9b)
- You gain POWER (vv10-11)

Ephesians 1:17-21 (NLT)

17 ... God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.

18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can

understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power
20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

- You gain SPIRITUAL WISDOM (v17)
- You gain CONFIDENT HOPE (v18)
- You gain INCREDIBLE GREATNESS (vv19-20)

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NLT)

16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

- You gain INNER STRENGTH (v16)

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)

God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!...

Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

Now glory be to God, who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.

In the OT under the old covenant, only prophets, priests, kings, and

certain people who were assigned special tasks experienced the power of the Holy Spirit on a regular basis. Even then, if you sinned or failed in your God given task, the Spirit would be taken from you. (cf. 1 Samuel 16:14; Psalm 51:11)

But praise God through the new covenant because of Jesus, His Holy Spirit is available to all believers - It's not something you have to work for. It's not something you can earn. It's part of the package - you give yourself completely to God through Jesus - and He gives you His Spirit - it all happens at the same time - in one moment. He gets you and you get Him!

—Pastor Chad

Spiritual Giftedness

- Supernatural power is given to us through SPIRITUAL GIFTS
- Working definition of Spiritual Gifts
 - When the Holy Spirit manifests His presence and imparts His power through believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so they will faithfully and effectively fulfill tasks of ministry to build up the body of Christ.

Know this - in every area of your life where Satan is telling you, "You can't!" God is telling you, "All things are possible!"

—Pastor Chad

I believe most people in the church today serve in their own power, with their own talents and abilities - and they're boxed in - limited by themselves. Insert God - and His Holy Spirit - and the Spiritual Gifts that come through Him - and it gets them out of the box and makes it supernatural! It becomes about Him and not them!

—Pastor Chad

Are you connected to the source of power?

Are you ready to experience the supernatural power of God in your life?

Are you ready to serve God supernaturally?

I want you to get your life right with Jesus and experience His Spirit living in you - so you can exceed the limitations of your flesh, effectively living out your faith - exceeding your wildest dreams beyond your highest prayers, desires, thoughts, and hopes...

—Pastor Chad