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Message: His Holy Spirit and You

Series: Gifted: Expect to be Empowered

This is our second 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 from Message 1

- 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

- The Holy Spirit's focus today is the CHURCH
 - The church is the people, not the building, not the event, it's you!

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT)

Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit BUILDS the church

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NLT)

19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

20 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

22 Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit LIVES in the church

Ephesians 4:7-8 (NLT)

7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ.

8 That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."

Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

- The Holy Spirit gives GIFTS to the church

John 16:8 (NLT)

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

- The Holy Spirit CONVICTS the church

Acts 13:2 (NLT)

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them."

- The Holy Spirit CALLS the church

Once Saved the Holy Spirit Impacts Your Life

- The Holy Spirit BAPTIZES you

Matthew 3:11 (NLT)

I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

- The Holy Spirit FILLS you (many times throughout your life)

Acts 4:31 (NLT)

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- The Holy Spirit SEALS you

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NLT)

13 And now you... have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Ephesians 4:30 (NLT)

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers

of hell can separate us from God's love.

39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NASB)

21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,

22 who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

Ephesians 1:14 (NASB)

...is given as a pledge of our inheritance...

The Holy Spirit is our pledge - from God - because He paid the price for us! He purchased us with His blood! We are His - and we belong to Him! And because of this - nothing can separate us from His love - nothing can touch us - we are His most prized possession, and He owns us! Why don't we act like it? Why don't we live like it? Because we aren't connected to God - through His Holy Spirit, alive and well, baptized and full, in our lives! You can change that today!

—Pastor Chad