

Enabled and Empowered by the Spirit

Introduction: During this Halloween season, many people don't realize that the original date was renowned and revered by the Christian Church as a day we could celebrate the lives of those martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ. It was called "all-Saints Day." It was a powerful moment for the church, for we celebrated those who followed the example of the greatest sacrifice of all: Jesus Christ. That's powerful indeed. But the Apostle Paul wants us to know where REAL power comes from.

Scripture: I Corinthians 2:3-5; Acts 1:8

- I. I'm Sending You a Helper, the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:16-25)**
 - a. The help you need to do what you do; Jesus has already given to the church.
 - b. The power to pull off whatever comes against you, is already present for you to use.
 - c. Verse 17 said, "The Helper is the Spirit of truth," Then he said, "I will not leave you as orphans,"
 - d. What does it mean to be an orphan? What does it mean to be fully connected as a family member?

- II. How Do I Connect with what He says I Already Have?**
 - a. In Acts 1:3; 6-8, Jesus is once again explaining to them about His Kingdom, and the kind of power it takes to be Kingdom people.
 - b. What is "The Kingdom?" The Kingdom Jesus is speaking of is the rule of God in your life.
 - c. One of our problems: We want the relationship with God, but we don't want to give Him the rulership.
 - d. What does that mean? Is He allowed to rule your heart? Or does He just get to make suggestions?

- III. You're a Kingdom Person When...**
 - a. When you have to adjust your decision to God's decision, even when it's not the decision you would have made.
 - b. You become a strong effectual witness for Him.
 - c. A witness is a visible and verbal representative for the thoughts and cause of another.
 - d. When you take on the position of the King, He will turn on the ignition to your spiritual battery, which will affect every part of your life, and the lives of others.
 - e. What would that look like for you? Is it like that now? Why not?