

Promises of Power

God's kingdom is not and has never been a powerless kingdom.

It is a powerful kingdom, and that means it is a kingdom full of power.

God people have never been a powerless people. They are people full of power.

Power is a word forever connected to Jesus and to His disciples.

Luk 4:14 (NASB) And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding region.

Luk 8:46 (NASB) But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had left Me."

Luk 10:19 (NASB) "Behold, I have given you authority to walk on snakes and scorpions, and authority over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

The power of God is the hope of man

Mat 22:29 (NASB) But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, since you do not understand the Scriptures nor the power of God.

We must understand the power of God.

We've all been taught and know that power in the Greek is the word: "dynamis", which means explosive and mighty where we get the word dynamite what is what does power do?

What is the function of power?

The function of power is to bring about change

Power is the ability to change - if your seated and you want to change your position that takes power, you have to exert power to stand up

Power brings about change.

IF YOUR POLITICALLY POWERFUL YOU ARE AN AGENT OF CHANGE IF YOU'RE POLITICALLY POWERLESS, YOU'RE A VICTIM OF CHANGE.

The Church of God is meant to be an agent of global change not (say it again) Not a victim of cultural change.

We all have the power of speak - even when we're silent, but in order for us to utilize that power to bring about the change that our words will bring, we have to exert the power

So you understand we have it even when we don't use it for it to bring about the change we desire we have to use it

** story about me in Siberia.

I had had the power. I just never trusted myself to use it because my eyes were focused on self. I didn't feel holy enough worthy enough to be used, so I never exerted the power, even though I had the power we have to take our eyes off of our self and simply believe the book shall receive power, that means you have it do you have the power to do you have the power to bring about change in our world have power your hands have power the power of God is within you to bring about the changes that God desires and present reality

GOD'S POWER IS AVAILABLE TO YOU BECAUSE GOD LOVES YOU. GOD'S POWER IS NOT SOMETHING YOU EARN; IT'S SOMETHING YOU RECEIVE BY FAITH

You have power within you now. But like the power to speak you must apply to demonstrate.

1Co 1:18 (NAS95) For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power** of God.

Why is it the Power of God? Because it produces change within us.

Do you see what I'm saying the Bible says of the believer you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you

Act 1:8 (TPT) But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be filled with power. And you will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!”

It does not say that there would be a divine lottery and some would receive power and some would not.

Whether we use power or not, we have power.

Why do we have the power? To bring about global change.

Through our words and our actions.

Mrk 16:15-18 (TPT) And he said to them, "As you go into all the world, preach openly the wonderful news of the gospel to the entire human race! [16] Whoever believes the good news and is baptized will be saved, and whoever does not believe the good news will be condemned. [17] And these miracle signs will accompany those who believe: They will drive out demons in the power of my name. They will speak in tongues. [18] They will be supernaturally protected from snakes and from drinking anything poisonous. And they will lay hands on the sick and heal them."

Their words will create wellness.

Their hands will bring healing

Their prayers will move mountains

And the gates of hell will fail and fall before them.

Today, we are exploring the incredible promise of power given to us through the Holy Spirit. This power is not just for the early disciples but for all believers today.

To carry the message from local to global (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth).

When we have the Spirit of God, we have all power that we need.

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Power of the Holy Spirit:

Power for living: 2Pe 1:3 (TPT) Everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion to God has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.

Empowerment for Assignment: Act 1:8 (CEV) But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."

Boldness: Act 4:31 (NAS95) And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Strength in Persecution: Act 7:55 (NAS95) But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Encourage the congregation to seek a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Ask yourself the right question [Siberia]

Challenge to step out in faith and witness to others.

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