

# Faith's Response to the Poor in Spirit II

**John 4:35-36 (NASB 2020)** *Do you not say, 'There are still four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together.*

## I. The Commission

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB 2020)** *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**Mark 16:15-18 (NASB 2020)** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

**Luke 24:45-49 (NASB 2020)** *Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "So it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

**John 20:21-23 (NASB 2020)** *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."*

## II. The Holy Spirit's Involvement

### 1.) In your spiritual growth

**Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV)** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

**Romans 8:10-11 (NKJV)** *And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

**Righteousness:** integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting

**Romans 8:13 (NKJV)** *For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

### 2.) In Witnessing

**Luke 24:49 (NASB 2020)** *And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

**John 14:12 (NASB 2020)** *Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I am going to the Father.*

**Acts 1:8 (NASB 2020)** *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."*

### The Gifts of the Spirit

**1 Corinthians 12:8-11 (NKJV)** *for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 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. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

**Romans 12:6-8 (NKJV)** *Having then gifts differing according to the grace (Holy Spirit) that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**Ephesians 4:11-12 (NKJV)** *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

**Love:**

**1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:1 (NKJV)** But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. The Greatest Gift. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

**Romans 12:9 (NKJV)** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

**\*\*Ephesians 4:15 (NKJV)** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

**If we do not walk in love, we will never operate in the gifts God has given us!**

**Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

**III. You must ask the Holy Spirit to come in**

**Luke 11:13 (NASB 2020)** So if you, despite being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

**Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Ephesians 5:17-18 (NKJV)** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,