

Arise and Shine

I. References to the Holy Spirit coming upon you refer to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A. (Acts 1:8 NKJV) ⁸ *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

B. (Acts 8:14-17 NKJV) ¹⁴ *Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,* ¹⁵ *who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.* ¹⁶ *For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.* ¹⁷ *Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

C. (Acts 10:44-46 NKJV) ⁴⁴ *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.* ⁴⁵ *And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.* ⁴⁶ *For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.*

D. (1 Pet. 4:14 NKJV) ¹⁴ *If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.*

1. If you allow the Spirit of God to come upon you, then you will be blessed, but you will suffer reproach for the Name of Christ to some degree. (This is not a cause for shame but for happiness because the reproach of Christ is greater riches than the treasures of Egypt (Heb. 11:26 NKJV)
2. Notice here that the Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of glory.
3. The glory of God is His splendor, dignity, and honor.
4. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, the glory of God comes upon you.

II. Now in light of this, consider an important prophecy in Isaiah about the glory of God coming upon His people in the last days.

A. (Isa. 60:1-3 NKJV) ¹ *Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.* ² *For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.* ³ *The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

B. This prophecy has a double reference to the re-gathering of Israel as well as to the glory of God coming on the church in the last days.

1. We are called to be a glorious church.

2. (Eph. 5:25-27 NKJV) ²⁵*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

3. God is going to have a people in these last days that will arise and shine.

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4. God is going to have a people in these last days who will allow the Spirit of God who is the Spirit of glory to come upon them and rest upon them.

5. God is going to have a glorious church that is holy, without blemish, and victorious, not a weak, powerless, puny, impotent church.

6. God's answer to the darkness that is coming upon the world in these last days is the Spirit of Glory coming upon His people. ²*For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.*

7. The glory of God upon you not only insures that you will not be overwhelmed by the darkness, but it is the means by which many will come out of darkness into the light. ³*The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

8. The glory of God upon His people is essential for world evangelism in this hour.

III. Now consider this passage in the Amplified Version.

A. (Isa. 60:1-3 AMP) *ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

B. The Spirit of glory coming upon you dispels depression and prostration in your life, due to adverse circumstances, and lifts you into the realm of joy and strength.

C. The Gentiles are not going to come to the gloom of our depression, but they are going to come to the brightness of our rising.

1. (Isa. 61:1-3 NKJV) describes the anointing of the Holy Spirit that comes upon us from Jesus.

¹*"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And*

the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

2. Here the anointing of the Holy Spirit is called the oil of joy.

3. There is no joy in olive oil, but there is joy in the Holy Spirit.

4. (Rom. 14:17 NKJV) ¹⁷ *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

5. This joy has nothing to do with our circumstances. It has to do with the presence of God.

6. (Psalm 16:11 NKJV) ¹¹ *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

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7. You do not have to wait to go to heaven to experience His presence. The presence of the Lord is made known to us by the Spirit of the Lord, and in His presence is fullness of joy.

8. Do you know that you cannot be strong without joy?

9. (Neh. 8:10 NKJV) ¹⁰ *Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."*

10. The Spirit of God coming upon you brings joy and strength to your life.