

The Restorative Work Of The Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Power in the Greek is: **DUNAMIS** (strength, power, ability)

Moral strength, power, and ability.

Spiritual strength, power, and ability.

DUNAMIS experiences:

1. Mary the Mother of Jesus

Luke 1:35 “ The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God’.”

When the Holy Spirit came upon Mary, **DUNAMIS** was revealed at the same time.

2. **Luke 4:36** “ All the people were amazed and said to each other, ‘What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!’”

3. **Romans 1:20** “For since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

4. **2 Corinthians 4:7** “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

Being filled with the Holy Spirit certainly brings about strength, power, and ability that we can not accomplish on our own. However, being filled with the Holy Spirit isn't an end all / fix all. The Holy Spirit doesn't equate into an everlasting wonderland of magical happiness, where problems dissolve, where we can go straight to heaven, where we will never face the onslaught of demonic attacks, where we are never ridiculed for our lifestyle, where we are never tempted, where we never stumble, where we never need a new beginning, where we never need healing, where we never need encouragement, where we never need to be picked up, dusted off, corrected, and loved.

In these moments, the Holy Spirit becomes our restoration! The same Holy Spirit that empowers us, is the same Holy Spirit that restores us! More so, those of us who are filled, are filled with the ability to restore others as well. We are to be a contagion of **DUNAMIS** restoration.

Restoration is simply defined as a “return” to an original purpose or condition.

We have allowed restoration to be replaced by redecoration.
(Spiritual botox)

Jesus didn't redecorate his grave, he resurrected from his grave!

We have to stop redecorating what God wants to restore!!!
(There is NO spiritual patch work)

I'm believing for 3 things to be restored.

1. Our First Love

- things I remember that led to falling in love with Shannon
- story about promise ring
- stop waisting time on idols and habits that cause redecoration in your life.

Revelation 2:1-5 (NIV)

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: these are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lamp stands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from it’s place.

2. Throne Centered Worship

Revelation 4:6-11(ESV)

⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

- When we place God at the center of our worship, we are at the beginning and the end of where our focus should be. Our goal should be to never allow the throne to be "off centered" in our worship.

- it's not the song we sing, but the heart that we bring that pleases the Lord.

- I often wonder if pastors are asked to preach certain sermons as often as worship leaders are asked to sing a certain song. (ex. This past Sunday's pre-service prayer)

- I'll be honest, so much of our church worship is so fleshly based. We are driven by our desire to be culturally relative, to have a certain sound or style, as if we're not being effective if we sing a song that is older.

- I would rather us be restored to the origin of throne room worship than to keep regurgitating songs and a sound that has become so predictable and common.

- "God is enthroned on the praises of His people." That definition of praise actually means: an unrehearsed, spontaneous eruption of praise".

3. Compassion For The Fallen

Acts 20:7-12

7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. 9 Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. 10 Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!" 11 Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. 12 The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

- Where there is no compassion, there is only religion, and absolutely no restoration.
- The church needs to stop expecting the fallen to "come up" to us and be willing to "go down" to pull them up.

The Holy Spirit wants to restore some things tonight!