

NOTES: Power at Pentecost | Week 3
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Acts 2:1-12 NIV

“And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”” (Acts 2:12, NASB95)

What does this mean?

1. We are in the Last Days.
2. Salvation is for everyone. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is for everyone.
3. Supernatural Tongues and the Gifts of the Spirit are for followers of Jesus.
4. The Holy Spirit lives in the believer.
5. The Holy Spirit gives the believer power.

Acts 1:8

“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.” (Acts 1:8, NIV)

Dunamis/Power: to possess the supernatural capability to function with strength to carry out the will of God. This power comes from God’s Spirit, not intellect, personal will, or human tenacity. This is Spirit-empowered abilities.

What power have we been given?

1. **We have the power to be witnesses.**

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”” (Romans 1:16–17, NIV)

- **We are free from sin.**
- **We live a life that Jesus is seen in us. Our goal is to glorify Jesus in all things.**
- **We do not embrace the values and priorities of this world.**

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:15–17, NIV)

2. **We have the power to be bold and courageous.**

“As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20, NIV)

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:29–31, NIV)

3. We have the power to be ministers.

“..you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5, NASB95)

We have been called

- The Great Commission and the Great Commandment (Matthew 28:19-20, Matt 22:37-40)
- We have been empowered, directed, and released by Jesus (Everyday Commission).
- We have been given the Holy Spirit.
- We have opportunities - *“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”* (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

“But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” (1 Peter 2:9, NASB95)

4. We have the power to move in the supernatural realm with God.

- Prayer – intercessory prayer – Spirit-led prayer – Prayer in the Spirit
- We can commune with the Trinity in Worship
- We can hear God’s voice, understand, and be directed by the Word of God.
- Gifts of the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12
 - 1 Corinthians 12:11 (NIV): "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines."
- Our gatherings should be deeply filled with the Holy Spirit as we seek, worship, rededicate, glorify, praise, and welcome the Spirit of God to lead us closer to Jesus with open hearts that want God’s will in our lives.
- Outsiders should be able to sense the life-changing presence of God
 - *“as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!””* (1 Corinthians 14:25, NIV)
- Being led, directed, stopped, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit
- We can hear the will/ways/voice of God by the Holy Spirit

5. We have power over evil, darkness, Satan, sin, strongholds, curses, and temptation

“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7, NASB95)