

## Clothed with Power

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

When we look at the Greek word for **Power**

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: dunamai

Phonetic Spelling: (doo'-nam-ahee)

Definition: to be able, to have power

Usage: (a) I am powerful, have (the) power, (b) I am able, I can.

**Matthew 12:30-32(NIV)** Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

**Mark 3:29-35** "but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, they are guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

Who is the Holy Spirit? Christ's presence in us, given as a gift for our belief in Him.

**John 14:26(NIV)** "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

**John 16:7 (NIV)** "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

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**Luke 24: 46-49 (NIV)** He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."

**Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues(languages) as the Spirit enabled them.

**Galatians 5:13-26 (NIV)** Galatians 5:13-26 (NIV) <sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh<sup>[a]</sup>; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>15</sup>If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever<sup>[c]</sup> you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since

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we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

### **Are We Obedient To the Holy Spirit?**

Knowing what our spiritual gifts are, is an amazing thing. We get to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve others as our Lord and Savior did. We do this through actual service like cutting our neighbors lawn or bringing them a meal, through teaching someone about anything or witnessing to them about salvation.

Possessing an extraordinary gift from God does not mean we are mature believers. The mark of maturity is how well we are walking in the fruit of the Spirit. Often, the question asked is, "How much of the Holy Spirit do we have?" When the question should be , "How much does the Holy Spirit have of us?"

Sometimes our day or our lives haven't gone as we hoped yet someone is still in need of us to build them up with our gift. That's not fake, that is simply choosing to do what God has called us to do despite our fluctuating feelings. Our gifts will develop over time.

**John 15:1-7(NIV)** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitfull. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.