

I. Introduction

John 14:12 (NKJV) – *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father*

John 14:12 (AMP) – *I assure you and most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father*

John 14:12 (CEV) – *I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father*

A. Jesus declares that saved people will not only do the works things that He did, but we shall do greater things!

B. Three Questions to consider

1. How is it possible that you and I could do greater works than Jesus?
2. What are the greater things that we shall do?
3. What is the qualifier for us to expect to do these greater things?

II. Answering the three necessary questions

To better understand this lesson, we will take approach these questions in the order as needed.

A. What is the qualifier for us to do greater things?

1. Jesus is speaking to believers.

Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in me the works that I do he will do also and greater works because I go to the Father.

2. Jesus had to go to the father.

In the context of John 14, Jesus is revealing to the disciples his death and his return to His father to prepare a place for us.

The place that He is preparing isn't limited to a geographical location. It is a spiritual position for us IN HIM – seated at the right hand of the Father in heavenly places. See Ephesians.

3. Jesus was speaking of the NEW BIRTH that would only be made available by two means.

- a. First, He had to pay the penalty for sin and ascend back to the father with His own blood as the necessary sacrificial payment for our salvation.
- b. Second, we have to BELIEVE, so that we might receive the gift of the NEW BIRTH.

4. Every born-again person – who is a new creation in Christ – qualifies for the greater things.

B. How is it possible that we can do greater things than Jesus did?

Most of the traditionalist always limit greater things to the supernatural miracles that Jesus did which include healings, miracles, dead raising, walking on the water, etc.

1. When Jesus considered His works – He always considered what He was able to do in regard to transformed lives.

- a. He transformed the demon possessed.
- b. He transformed the lepers.
- c. He transformed the sick.

2. Take note: With the thousands of people that Jesus ministered to only 120 showed up on the Day of Pentecost to receive the Holy Spirit?

- a. **Why?** Jesus never ministered the new birth to anyone. Everyone that Jesus ministered to was unsaved – spiritually dead – spiritually dark – there was no inward transforming power made available unto them – because He had not yet ascended to the father.

Those who did believe upon him did so because of things they saw and experienced with in the sphere of the natural senses. Their spirit was not reborn yet.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) – *But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

- b. Jesus' ministry was limited because He was dealing with unsaved people. At His best, he would not be able to deal with them like they could be dealt with once they were born again.

3. Born Again People can expect greater things.

- a. Personally, I can receive more NOW as a new creation in Christ than I could have received if I lived in the days that Jesus was on earth.

I now have the HOLY SPIRIT – the SUPERNATURAL ABILITY of God working within me!

- b. When ministering to others, you and I have an advantage that Jesus did not have.

We can get them born-again.

Once they are born again they have an ability to understand things that they could not understand before.

In addition, they now have the inward power of the Holy Spirit working within – GOD'S SUPERNATURAL ABILITY!

C. What are the Greater Works?

The greater works include everything that the NEW BIRTH makes available to us.

- 1. **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP) – *Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the*

previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]

- a. **Many think of salvation only as forgiveness of sin.**
- b. **They think of salvation only as a covering for sin.**
- c. **They see themselves as the same old person, only forgiven with their sins being covered.**
- d. **The Bible says we are a NEW CREATION**
New creation means we are not the same creation that we were before we were saved.

2. Sins taken away vs covered.

- a. **In the Old Testament sins were covered.**
Romans 4:7 (NKJV) – *Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered*
NOTE: This is a quote from the Old Testament – Ps 32
- b. **John 1:29 (NKJV)** – *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! **The Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!*
Take away – to bear away and carry off – to remove – to cause to cease
- c. **Hebrews 10:4 (NKJV)** – *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins*
- d. **1 John 3:5 (NKJV)** – *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

3. The Greater Works begin with the Greatest Work – The New Birth – ***We are New Creations***

- a. Until the first person was born again – never had such a class of people been known.
- b. Although we live in our natural bodies, we have died already with Christ.
- c. We have been resurrected to newness of life in Christ.
- d. We have been raised for good works in Christ Jesus.
- e. We have been given the ability of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- f. We have been given His power of attorney to USE the authority in the Name of Jesus.

- g. We have been created in Christ Jesus to reign in life.
- h. We have been given power over all the power of the enemy.
- i. We are a chosen generation and a royal priesthood.
- j. We are blessed, delivered and healed.
- k. We are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- l. We are more than conquerors in Him.
- m. We have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the son of His love.
- n. We are no longer sinners – but saints.
- o. We have been given the wisdom of God for life.
- p. We have been given all things freely of him that pertain to life and godliness.
- q. WE have been made righteous.
There is no guilt, shame, fear or inferiority as we stand before the throne of God boldly to find grace to help in the time of need.

PASTOR'S NOTE: There is no wonder why we can do greater things?

4. Greater Works Include

- a. Everything that God restores within me
 - Love
 - Peace
 - Joy
 - Strength
 - Holiness
 - Success
 - Prosperity
- b. Everything that God accomplishes through me.
 - I have His ability working on the inside of me.
 - His ability puts me over.
 - His ability causes me to succeed.
 - His ability promotes me.
 - His ability give me the answers and wisdom.
- c. As a New Creation – I have the supernatural power of my father working in every part of my life to assure success.
 - Failure is not in me.

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- Defeat is not in my DNA.
- I have everything I need.
- I expect greater things.

III. Closing Note: The greater things manifest in our life as we become more and more conscious of who we are – who we have been made as a new creation in Christ.

A. I choose to set my attention I the NEW ME.

B. I refuse to be caught in the web of my past – the Old ME.

C. The more my mind is renewed to the NEW CREATION – the more I will witness the power of that new creation working for me.

D. The Results = GREATER THINGS!