



Empowered, Part 1: The Holy Spirit Within and Upon

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Key Scriptures:

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“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.”

The Holy Spirit is the Gift of the Father

God has sent the promised Holy Spirit to dwell within us and rest upon us. This happens through two different experiences. The Holy Spirit indwells us when we are born again, and the Holy Spirit rests upon us when we are empowered to be a witness. To be empowered is to be authorized and given ability. The experience of empowerment is accompanied by a unique heavenly prayer language we call tongues. This empowerment is called the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God has made His Spirit available to dwell within and rest upon everyone who puts their faith in Jesus.

The Holy Spirit Within and Upon

1. The Holy Spirit Within

- a. Jesus said He would send another comforter (John 14:16).
 - i. He was referring to the Holy Spirit.
- b. The Holy Spirit dwells within every believer (John 14:17).
- c. God has sent His Spirit into our hearts (Galatians 4:6).
- d. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16).
- e. The Spirit of God is our helper, comforter, and guide dwelling inside of us.

2. The Holy Spirit Upon

- a. Jesus said, the promise of the Father would rest upon the disciples and they would be clothed in power (Luke 24:49, Acts 4-5).
 - i. The promise is the Holy Spirit.
 - ii. Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.
 1. Water baptism is different.
- b. Jesus said, the disciples would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them and then they would be His witnesses (Acts 1:8).
 - i. The purpose of this power is to be a witness.
 - ii. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an impartation of this power.
- c. In Acts 2:1-4 they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - i. All spoke in tongues.
 - ii. Paul said, he spoke in tongues more than the others (1 Corinthians 14:18).
 - iii. Anyone who has been born again can receive this baptism (Acts 2:39).
- d. Receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit is easy.
 - i. Do not be afraid, God gives good gifts to those who ask (Luke 11:11).

Supportive Scriptures

- **1 Corinthians 12:13** (We were all baptized into one body.)
- **John 14:16** (Jesus said, He would send another helper.)
- **John 14:17** (Jesus said, the Holy Spirit would be in the disciples.)
- **1 Corinthians 2:12** (The Spirit shows us what God has given.)
- **Galatians 4:6** (God has sent His Spirit into our hearts.)
- **Romans 8:15** (We have received the Spirit of adoption.)
- **1 Corinthians 3:16** (We are temples of the Holy Spirit.)
- **Luke 24:49** (The promise of the Father came upon, and empowered the disciples.)
- **Acts 1:4-5** (The disciples were told to wait, and be baptized in the Holy Spirit.)
- **Acts 1:8** (The disciples received power when the Holy Spirit rested on them.)
- **Acts 2:1-4** (They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues.)
- **1 Corinthians 14:18** (Paul said, he spoke in tongues more than the others.)
- **Acts 2:39** (The promise of the Holy Spirit is for all.)
- **Luke 11:11** (The Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.)