

Who's Got the Power? Holy Spirit Series Week 5

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"I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good." (Martin Luther King Jr.)

"Power is my mistress. I have worked too hard at her conquest to allow anyone to take her away from me." (Napoleon Bonaparte)

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." (Abraham Lincoln)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12)

How are we empowered?
What does it look like?
Implications how live?

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit transforms/ empowers us to be and to live like Jesus.

How are we empowered?

In us to be like Jesus

¹⁴*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,* ¹⁵*from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,* ¹⁶*that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* ¹⁷*so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith....* (Eph. 3:14-17)

- Strengthened by God's Spirit (16)
- Christ may dwell in your hearts (17)

"Moreover, the Spirit will not be merely an ambiguous force coming upon them, but in a genuine way will sustain what they have loved about Jesus thus far. The Spirit-Paraclete (helper) will be "another" Paraclete, another presence who will recreate the person of Jesus within them. (NIV Application Commentary).

Through us to live like Jesus

²⁸*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.* ²⁹*For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.* (Col 1:28-29)

- I toil
- struggling
- all his (Christ's) energy

¹³*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* (Phil 4:13)

¹*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.* ²*For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.* ³*And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,* ⁴*and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,* ⁵*that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.* (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

What does it look like?

Not

1. Ecstatic experience
2. Ongoing spiritual/emotional high.
3. Hyped up "power life"

"I have examined the scriptures carefully and thoroughly for years, and nowhere do I find phenomenal demonstrations occurring on a daily basis in the lives of believers in biblical times. Neither then nor now could people expect to "name it and claim it". It is not only frustrating to people, it is erroneous to hold such unrealistic expectations of incredible 'power'" (Chuck Swindoll)

Is

1. Having Jesus life produced in us.

"Fruit is a public testimony to the believer's sensitivity to and dependence on the Holy Spirit. It is the telling sign...It is not simply one mark of a Spirit filled life; it is the preeminent mark." (Charles Stanley)

2. Having Jesus life produced through us.
 - Forgive someone who has hurt you deeply
 - Thank God in midst of difficulty
 - Take a stand for your faith in the midst of opposition

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- Have victory over a stubborn habit
- Have inner strength to handle life's pressures
- Be vulnerable, open, risk rejection in relationships
- Live without worry
- Give to others when we are hurting ourselves

Implications

1. Yield control and allow HS to do His work in us.
2. Active dependence/trust.
 - I am commanded to love ...
 - I want to talk to my neighbor about the Lord...
 - I am experiencing conflict...

Application

- People will be drawn to Christ
- We will love and serve others with the love Jesus has shown us.
- We will be salt & light
- People will recognize us as "having been with Jesus"

God show us who you are! We want all of you!

Make us like you Jesus, and then use us to show people how real you are.