

Sunday Celebration (June 7, 2009)
"You Shall Receive Power"

Pentecost Sunday Message

INTRO ... "Pentecost is about Power"

Acts 1:8 ... Consider 3 Elements of This Passage—(1) Shall, (2) Receive, (3) Power

"Shall"

... a Word of ANTICIPATION

- Anticipation that is included throughout Scripture

Isa 44:3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

Ezek 36:27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Joel 2:28-29 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

John 7:37-39 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 14:15-17 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 16:7 I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Power

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses

... ***The OBJECTIVE of This Event (Pentecost) is the Receiving of Power***

● Deficiency of Power

These are statements that reveal COMING Activity... but also CURRENT Deficiency (something is about to happen and it NEEDS to Happen)

We're going to need OTHER Equipment... Other Enablement ... Other Power
We already have some equipment, some ability, and some power as human beings created by God:

- Intellect
- Physical Strength
- Emotional Appeal
- 5 Senses

... The Coming Power DOESN'T REPLACE These abilities—but it Does:

1. Highlight THEIR DEFICIENCY
2. Reveals a DISTINCTION that we need to grow to understand

● Displaced Power

Some approach the ministry of the Holy Spirit with a Casual & Less than Pursuing Attitude... as though Everyone Has the Fullness of the Spirit's Power, REGARDLESS of Their Life & Pursuit

Acts 19:1-7

1Cor 12:1-11

1 Cor 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. NASU

1 Cor 12:1 NOW ABOUT the spiritual gifts (the special endowments of supernatural energy), brethren, I do not want you to be misinformed. AMP
This informs us that it is possible to be a Christian and be "uninformed", "unaware", or "misinformed" about the Power of the Holy Spirit that is supposed to operate in us.

1 Tim 4:14-15 Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. 15 Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. ESV

1 Tim 4:15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. NASU

2 Tim 1:6-7 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

This informs us that someone who has been a Christian for many years can displace and neglect the Power of the Holy Spirit

● Purpose of This Power

- Power for Witness (Acts 1:8)
- Power for Learning and Knowing (Jn 14, 16)
- Power for Transformation and Obedience (Ez 36, Php 2:13)
- Power for Serving and Body Ministry (1Co 12)

Receive

Acts 2 (Upper Room in a Prayer Meeting... Where Jesus told them to wait—Lk 24:49)

- *Receiving involves being where God is moving*

Luke 11:13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- *Receiving involves Asking*
- *Receiving involves Faith*

John 7:37-39 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

- *Receiving involves DESIRE - Thirst*

1 Tim 4:14 "Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery."

Acts 8:14-17 "Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 19:6 "And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying."

- *Receiving is often through the laying on of hands and prayer*