

Empowered by Holy Spirit

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John 20:21 (NLT)

Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

We are not only recipients of Jesus’ life-changing love for us, we are to be messengers for Him!

1 John 4:9–11 (NLT)

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

THE ONLY THING WE TAKE WITH US INTO ETERNITY IS PEOPLE

EMPOWERED BY HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE MISSION

Acts 2:1–18 (NLT)

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. ⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. ⁷ They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other. ¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!” ¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

WHY WE NEED HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE MISSION:

1. HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US BEYOND OUR OWN ABILITIES!

Jesus knew the disciples couldn't accomplish the mission on their own strength

Acts 1:4 (NIV)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The word POWER is "Dýnamis": It means the supernatural ability and divine enablement given by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the mission of making disciples!

EXAMPLES OF DIVINE ENABLEMENT:

BOLDNESS - COURAGE - PROPHETIC ANOINTING - WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE - WORDS OF WISDOM - SPEAKING IN TONGUES - FAITH - HEALING
- DIVINE ENABLEMENT FOR SERVING, TEACHING, ENCOURAGING, GIVING

Recognize that the mission is bigger than you, and then in surrender and obedience GO INTO THE UPPER ROOM - position ourselves before God with an open heart

Every believer can do this! It's not for a select few!

Say yes to empowerment!

Regeneration is not the same as Empowerment

John 3:6 (NLT)

Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

Acts 8:14–17 (NLT)

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. ¹⁵ As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

We're called to be regenerated by Holy Spirit, but we're also called to have post conversion experiences where God empowers us!

Being filled with the Spirit is not a one-time event—it's a lifestyle of ongoing surrender and empowerment.

"I need to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily, because I leak." – D.L. Moody

2. HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS CONVICTION

HOLY SPIRIT GOES BEYOND US - BRINGING CONVICTION AND CAUSING SEEDS THAT WE PLANT TO GROW INTO A RESPONSE!

Acts 2:36–39 (NIV)

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

John 16:8 (NLT)

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.

Joel 2:28–29 (NIV)

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO SURRENDER