

Ministry of the Holy Spirit – Holy Spirit Power

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. **(This applies to all believers.)**

The word Power means – ability, to be able, to be capable, a force, miraculous power.

We received God's ability when we received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The word Witness means – one who remembers, one who has information or knowledge, one who can give information, bring to light or confirm, specifically referring to the those who will announce the facts concerning the gospel.

In the book of Acts we have demonstrations and illustrations of this power (ability) among believers. The demonstrations witness and bring to light the truth of the gospel.

Four things the Holy Spirit gives us power or ability to do. (He is not limited to these four)

1. We receive Power to Liberate Our Spirits to Communicate Directly with God!

I Corinthians 14:2 – For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

It's not a mystery to God, He understands, but it's a mystery to our natural mind.

I Corinthians 14:14-15 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Here's some food for thought!

Zephaniah 3:9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

Genesis 11:6 The people are one, and nothing shall be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

In these last days God has given us a pure language by giving us the language of speaking in tongues so we can worship Him in one accord and with one consent.

Praying in tongues bypasses our minds and allows our spirits to have unhindered communion with the Father. On the day of Pentecost God restored a pure language to us.

2. Power to Have Boldness in the Face of Persecution! (Acts 3 & 4)

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

The power (ability) to face persecution and have boldness was a witness that these men had a relationship with Jesus.

3. Power to Face Death Without Fear!

As children of God we should have absolutely no fear of death. Not that we should be anxious to die but we have to understand that as believers, when our body quits functioning, immediately we are in the presence of God.

Acts 7:54-56, 59-60 What a powerful witness to them that were looking on while he is being stoned, he prays for them.

4. Power to Face the Devil and Demonic Forces Victoriously!

Acts 13:4-12 – Paul and Barnabas confront Elymas the sorcerer.

Here's a demonstration of the power or ability of the Holy Spirit to handle demon power and the end result is it witnessed to this deputy and he believed.

It's not from our much preaching that the loss will be won... but it's going to be by a demonstration and ability of the Holy Spirit **IN YOU**.

Now anytime you start to do something for God, the devil is going to oppose you.

Most of the time, if you've been offended, the person that offended you didn't even know they offended you.

Jesus said in the last days many would be offended! But we have to know the source behind the offence. Satan wants to get us off track and going in the wrong direction.

The Holy Spirit gives us power (ability) to supernaturally...

1. Communicate Directly With God, our spirit to His Spirit.
2. Have Boldness in the Face of Persecution
3. Face Death Without Fear
4. Face the Devil and Demonic Forces Victoriously

As we do these things by the Holy Spirit, we will be a witness for the Lord Jesus!