

Series: All Things New Sermon: Part 2: The Power of the Holy Spirit Date: Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

We frequently find shifting standards of what is right and what is wrong that change with time and with popular opinion.

"People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power." (2 Timothy 3:2-5)

Christians can look Godly but live in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ God's power and influence over their lives.

It is only in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ that God now works in, through, and around us.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth." (Acts 1:8)

**Dunamis Power:** The miraculous supernatural power and strength of \_\_\_\_\_\_ that destroys sin, breaks down barriers, and makes the impossible possible

They were not going to move until \_\_\_\_\_\_ moved because if they were going to do anything of significance they needed to be God-reliant.

## Pray, Wait, Surrender

God works the most powerfully in a surrendered life.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under Heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. (Acts 2:1-6)



Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"(Acts 2:7-11)

It is when we pray, it is when we wait, and it is when we surrender to God that ushers in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 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. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:37-41)

It is \_\_\_\_\_\_ to turn towards God without turning from the things that He is against.

Anyone who has made that decision for Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their life, you have access to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ and He is in you and available to you right now. He won't ever leave you.

Our daily prayer: "God fill me with Your Spirit as I do the things that You want me to do today."

**Bottom Line:** "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6)

## Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. How would your life look different if you prayed, waited, and surrendered so God's dunamis power could shine in your life?
- 2. How much of your life and decisions are dependent on the Holy Spirit?
- 3. Are you willing to continually pray, to continually wait, and to continually surrender so that God can continually fill you with His power to do His will? What could change if you did that?

Songs used in service: This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Amazing Grace (John Newton), Rest On Us (Maverick City Music & Upper Room), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker)

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Any prayer requests?

Name:	_ Email (so we can follow up):
What can we be praying for you about?	