

“The Kingdom of God!”

Part 20: “Kingdom POWER!!”

John 14:15-21, 16:5-15; Luke 17:20-21;
Acts 2:1-40



Introduction: What is worse than feeling helpless is ACTING helpless when you're not!

II Timothy 3:1-5: “... in the last days ... people will be lovers of SELF, ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of GOD, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power!” (vss. 1,4-5)

God calls believers to live life now with KINGDOM POWER!!
(II Peter 1:3-4).

Jesus unleashed His kingdom power into the world through the empowering presence of His Spirit in His disciples!

I. The PROMISE of the Holy Spirit ...

John 14:16: “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever ...” (See also John 16:7)

John 14:18-20: “I will not leave you as orphans ... In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me and I in you” (vss. 18,20)

John 17:20-23 ... The promise of the Holy Spirit was not only for the original twelve (minus Judas Iscariot), but for all who would be born again by the Spirit.

God determined to allow sin to come into the world and ordained it to be so, for His purposes, in order to redeem for Himself a people by bringing salvation through His covenant of grace.

Jesus promises His Spirit to His disciples and to every one who would become His disciple through the message of the Gospel.

II. The PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit ...

I Corinthians 12:3,13: “We (believers) were ALL baptized into one Body and ALL were made to drink of one Spirit” (vs. 13).

John 3:3,5 ... From the beginning of your spiritual life in Christ the Spirit is present with you! (Colossians 1:27)

Romans 8:9-11: “Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him” (vs. 9).

Your spiritual life originates in the work of the Holy Spirit making you a new creation, and it continues through the work of the Spirit within you.

Acts 2:38-39 ... At the moment you were born again by the Spirit of God your new heart, mind and will turned away from self and sin and had a new desire to follow Christ.

John 7:38-39 ... Pentecost was the beginning of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit within everyone who would be born again and who would thus repent and believe in Jesus Christ!

If you are a true believer, a disciple of Jesus, then Jesus lives within you by His Spirit and you are NOT alone and you are NOT helpless !!

III. The POWER of the Holy Spirit ...

The indwelling power of the Holy Spirit was Jesus’ promise and this is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We sometimes still FEEL weak and helpless because we choose to ... because we set our thoughts on ourselves rather than JESUS !

II Corinthians 4:7-10: “We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us!” (vs. 7).

II Corinthians 10:3-5: “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds!” (vs. 4).

II Corinthians 12:10: “For the sake of Christ I am content with weaknesses ... For when I am weak, then I am strong !”

To be “filled with the Spirit” does not mean to get MORE of the Spirit, it means to GROW in the grace and knowledge of Jesus by setting your mind on Him.

To experience the POWER of the Holy Spirit is to live by faith and not by sight !!

Philippians 2:12-16: “... it is GOD who works IN you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure” (vs. 13).