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The Holy Spirit: Presence, Purpose, and Power

The Holy Spirit Changes Us Inwardly And Equips Us Outwardly

The Spirit Involves A Whole New Way Of Looking At Life

We've Literally Become God's Dwelling Place

1) **The Holy Spirit Reverses Our Way Of Thinking.**
2) **The Holy Spirit Begins With A Different Starting Point.**

The Spirit Gives Life And Adoption

Romans 8:11-16 - *The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.* [12] *Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.* [13] *For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.* [14] *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.* [15] *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

Luke 4:14 - *Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power…*

Luke 4:16-19 - *When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.* [17] *The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:* [18] *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,* [19] *and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."*

Jesus And His Followers Submitted To The Leading Of God's Spirit

Acts 1:8 - *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.*

By Faith, We Can Take Hold Of The Spirit's Power Every Day

Acts 3:1-8 - *One afternoon Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.* [2] *And a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those entering the temple courts.* [3] *When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.*[4] *Peter looked directly at him, as did John. "Look at us!" said Peter.* [5] *So the man gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.* [6] *But Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"* [7] *Taking him by the right hand, Peter helped him up, and at once the man's feet and ankles were made strong.* [8] *He sprang to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and leaping and praising God.*

Acts 4:8-10 - *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people,* [9] *are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed?* [10] *Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.*

Acts 4:29-31 - *And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word.* [30] *Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."* [31] *After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.*

1) **Empower Them For A Continued Witness**.
2) **More Displays Of Power**.

IN CLOSING,

Ephesians 5:18 - *Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit*
Galatians 5:16 - *let the Holy Spirit guide your lives…*
Galatians 5:25 - *…let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.*
1 Thessalonians 5:19 - *Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 11:13 - *So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."*