

PRAYER STUDY 27
"Holy Spirit Studies"
ACTS 1:8

But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1. Where does the church get power to be a witness? (Acts 1:8)
2. How do you recognize a Holy Spirit powered church?
 - a. Evangelism going on-(Acts 5:42)
 - b. Fruit from evangelism(i.e. not only are the spirit-filled believers talking about soul winning but souls are coming to Christ. The spirit filled believer sow the seed. The Holy Spirit hovers over the seed, convicting and leading the lost to repentance)-(Acts 4:4)
 - c. Change in people(Acts 2:37-41), places(Acts 5:19-28), and things(Matthew 17:20-21)
 - d. "An Upside Down World"(Acts 17:6)
 - e. Signs and Wonders(Acts 2:43 & Mark 16:17-18)
 - f. Sharing of material and property(Acts 2:44-46)
 - g. Praise and worship(Acts 2:47)
 - h. Emphasis on prayer(1st Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 26:41, James 4:2, John 16:24, Psalm 34:6, James 1:5, Jeremiah 33:3, 1st Samuel 12:23, Romans 10:13-14)
 - i. Emphasis on the Word of God(2nd Timothy 2:15)
3. What is the work of the Holy Spirit? (John 16:7-15)
 - a. Convict men of the sin of unbelief(John 16:9, Acts 20:21)
 - b. Convict men that Jesus is the righteousness of God(John 16:9 & Romans 10:3, 4)
 - c. Convict men that the power of Satan has been broken
 - d. Regenerate the believer(John 3:5 and Titus 3:5)-*The Born Again Experience*
 - e. Indwell the believer(1 Corinthians 6:19, 20)-*The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is in you! Christ in you, the hope of glory-Galatians 2:20 and Colossians 1:27*
 - f. Seal the believer(Ephesians 1:13-14)*This guarantees that the Lord will deliver us.*

- g. Baptize the believer(Acts 1:5, 1st Corinthians 12:13)-*The Second Blessing or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or the infilling of the Spirit*
 - h. Empower the believer(Acts 1:8)-*This empowerment is for witnessing and involves gifts of the Holy Spirit.*
 - i. Lead the believer(Galatians 5:16-18)-*We must listen to the still, small voice-1st Kings 19:11-12*
 - j. Administer spiritual gifts to the believer(1st Corinthians 12:1-11)
4. What are spiritual gifts? 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- a. Gifts of Revelation(THINK LIKE GOD)
 - 1. Word of Wisdom-a supernatural revelation of God's purpose
 - 2. Word of Knowledge-a supernatural revelation of facts in the mind of God(this involves past history in a person's life)
 - 3. Discerning of Spirits-a supernatural insight into the realm of spirits
 - b. Gifts of Power(ACT LIKE GOD)
 - 1. Faith-a supernatural trust in God for the miraculous
 - 2. The Working of Miracles-a supernatural intervention of God's power in the ordinary course of nature
 - 3. Gifts of Healing-a supernatural manifesting of power to heal diseases
 - c. Gifts of Inspiration(TALK LIKE GOD)-vocal gifts
 - 1. Prophecy-a supernatural utterance in a known tongue
 - 2. Divers kinds of tongues-a supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue
 - 3. Interpretation of tongues-a supernatural giving forth of the meaning of other tongues
5. What are GRIEVING and QUENCHING the Holy Spirit?
- A. **Grieving**(Ephesians 4:30): This is doing things that block the inflow of the Spirit to the believer. Sins that cause Him grief include things like unspiritual talk, unkind feelings towards others, unforgiveness, uncleanness in ACT and THOUGHT, disobeying the scripture, ignoring the Holy Spirit when making decisions, Lying to the Holy Spirit, wrong motives, manipulation and control of others, etc.
 - B. **Quenching**(1st Thessalonians 5:19): This is doing things that block the outflow of the Holy Spirit. This is often seen in churches and ministries that deny the gifts and ministry of the Holy Spirit and in those who fail to keep praising God(1st Thessalonians 5:16) and in those who fail to keep praying(1st Thessalonians 5:17), by faith, in spite of circumstances. It also is seen in those who walk in fear when they are not in control.