

God's Great Promises

May Sermon Series

God's Promise of Power

Lesson Five

Pentecost

means '50'. Pentecost is from the Greek word 'Pentekostos', which means 'fifty'. It is the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week and in Judaism is called the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:16).

“If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”

Aiden Wilson Tozer

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And, on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Joel 2:28-29 (NKJV)

Behold, I send the Promise of My
Father upon you; but tarry in the city
of Jerusalem until you are endued
with power from on high.

Luke 24:49 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

The Greek word *dunamis* generally means "power, force, or ability."

This Greek word *dunamis* is where the English words "dynamite" and "dynamic" originate.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

"You might as well try to see without eyes, hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as to try to live the Christian life without the **Holy Spirit.**"

D.L. Moody

8 Supernatural Ways the Holy Spirit Empowers Us:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR HELPER.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7 (ESV)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT SANCTIFIES YOU.

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)

“Sanctified” means to be
set apart as sacred.

“The Holy Spirit's main ministry is not to give thrills but to create in us Christlike character.”

J. I. Packer

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS YOU FOR MINISTRY.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

I Corinthians 12:4-6 (ESV)

“Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.”

Corrie Ten Boom

4. HE IMPARTS LOVE.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)

5. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES HOPE.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

6. THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES AND GIVES INSIGHT.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26 (ESV)

7. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES YOUR PRAYERS.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26 (ESV)

Prayer is not what is done by us, but rather what is done by the Holy Spirit in us.'

Henri Nouwen

8. HE USES YOU FOR EVANGELISM.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

“The Christian who neglects the Holy Spirit is like a lamp that is not plugged in.”

“Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are ships without wind. We are useless.”

C.H. Spurgeon