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Acts 1:8



**The Promised
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Empower**

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“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 7:38—39

The Promise of the Spirit

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Galatians 3:14

The Spirit Comes in Power!

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So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.

1 Samuel 16:13

Pentecost – The Spirit Comes in Power!

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1–4



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Empowered by the Spirit for Mission

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Empowered With Spiritual Gifts

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant...⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good...¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:1, 7, 11

Defining Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are concrete expressions of God's grace, manifested by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, in order to enable us to serve others in love.

Empowered To Resist Sin, Obey God

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

Galatians 5:16–18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10–12, 17–18)



Applying the Word

The Ongoing Need To Be Filled

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18

Where Do I Need the Spirit's Power?

- Zeal and power for God's mission in the earth?
- Spiritual gifts to serve others in love?
- Empowerment by the Spirit to resist sin, embrace righteousness, and obey God?
- Empowerment by the Spirit for spiritual warfare?