

Preaching Notes 2 by Dr. Robert Sutterfield

“PREACHING WITH POWER TO PRODUCE RESULTS” Acts 1, 2, 4

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Introduction

The early disciples of Jesus Christ were powerless before they received “The Power from on High” And then things changed. Jesus promised, “You will receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you” ([Acts 1:8](#)). That is His promise to every believer today as well.

I. THERE IS NO NEED FOR BELIEVERS TO BE POWERLESS TODAY.

A. The baptism of the Holy Spirit like on the day of Pentecost ([Acts chapter 2](#))

1. This was a climatic, demonstrative, once-for-all experience.

B. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a baptism of power from God all mighty for all true believers.

1. For all who wait upon the Lord are filled with the Holy Spirit for power to preach the truths of God.

2. There is therefore no reason for us to spend one day without the power of God.

C. The early church is a demonstration of that power

1. For preaching and daily living.

2. It is the normal Christian life. “One baptism; many fillings.”

D. The early Christians stormed the citadels of hell and won.

1. They could never have done it without the presence of the Holy Spirit within them.

2. They were under His Spiritual control

a. They were guided by the Holy Spirit,

b. Taught by the Holy Spirit

c. Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

d. Illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

E. The early believers were valiant, daring, and undismayed in every situation.

1. His presence makes all the difference.

“And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all” ([Acts 4:33](#)).

II. POWER TO SPEAK, TEACH, PREACH BOLDLY

“We cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard” ([Acts 4:20](#)).

A. We should become living

bold witnesses of Jesus Christ.

“And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness” ([Acts 4:31](#)).

“And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all” (v. 33)

B. True New Testament preaching is proclamation of truth through the personality in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C. It is the God-controlled man

He uses.

1. No need for dialogue and entertainment.
2. The only need is Christ
preached in the power of
the presence of the Spirit of God.

CONCLUSION

One of the most neglected parts of preaching is understanding the role and power of the Holy Spirit in preaching God's Word. As teachers, we spend hours studying, outlining, doing word studies, and thinking through applications. This is important, but without the power of the Holy Spirit our preaching is in vain.