



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C Bible Band

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YET AT
WORK IN PETER, JOHN, AND
THE BELIEVERS

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Joel 2:28-29
- ❖ Matthew 7:7-11
- ❖ John 10:1-5
- ❖ Acts 4:23-30
- ❖ 1 John 3:17

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Acts 4:33-37

Guiding Questions:

1. Why did Peter and John go to the new believers and tell them what happened at the Jewish council?
2. What was the great power about this lesson?
3. When the believers prayed, what happened?
4. When a believer asks God for certain things, why must he be careful in his listening?
5. What are some of the distractions that can come into a believer's heart if he is not watchful?

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Background Reading

Joel 2:28-29

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

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Background Reading

Matthew 7:7-11

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

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Background Reading

John 10:1-5

- 1** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
- 2** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.
- 3** To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.
- 4** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.
- 5** And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

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Background Reading

Acts 4:23-30

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

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Acts 4:23-30

28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

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Devotional Reading

Acts 4:33-37

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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Central Verse

Acts 4:31 (KJV)

“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of the God with boldness.”

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INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit had created within the Apostles an overwhelming desire to proclaim the Gospel. He gave them determination not to allow anyone, or anything stop them from sharing the Word. Peter and John had been put in jail because of using the mighty, wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit to heal a man who had been crippled for over forty years. They had boldly let the Jewish Council know that they would obey God rather than obey them after they were told not to preach nor teach in the name of Jesus. These men knew that the Jewish Council had power, but they understood the power of the name Jesus. They refused to allow any distraction to break their connection with God and His will for their lives.

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INTRODUCTION

Every believer should be so convinced that the name of the Lord is a strong tower, and the righteous run into it, and they are safe ([Proverbs 18:10](#)). They should know that the Word of the Lord is alive and powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit ([Hebrews 4:12](#)). They should be so much like Jesus that people will automatically know that they are a part of Jesus' Church.

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DISCUSSION

The two apostles had been released and went back to report to the believers what had happened at the Jewish Council. The people joined in with them with prayer and began to proclaim the Word of the Lord. They began to entreat God and asked Him for boldness that they might speak His Word, by stretching out their hand to heal, and they prayed that signs and wonders might be done by the power of the name of Jesus.

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DISCUSSION

As they asked God, He heard them and granted their requests. God shook the place where they were and released the Holy Ghost again, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke the Word of God with boldness. As believers speak to God, they will sometimes hear other voices that can influence their behavior, thoughts, and even the direction they should take. But the believers must not be shaken in their faith and confidence in God. Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice" ([John 10:27](#)) and "a stranger they will not follow" ([John 10:5](#)). So, when God, the devil, people, our families, religious leaders, or even our own thoughts speak, we must recognize God's voice above all else and follow Him.

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DISCUSSION

The more God blessed them, the more their hearts became tender towards each other. They became concerned about the needs of their fellowmen so much that if one had possession, they all had possessions, for they had all things in common. A notable thing about the new converts is the fact that they all prayed together. Praying together brings believers closer to their purpose and allows them to experience the power of the Holy Spirit when they pray.

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DISCUSSION

As the new converts were filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles received new fillings. They needed the new fillings to meet the continuing opposition of the Jews. The new fillings brought about the presence of God and freed the believers from the fear of others and greatly increased the courage for believers to speak out for God. For the power of the Holy Spirit brings empowerment for believers to become witnesses.

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DISCUSSION

Apostolic preaching and witnessing brings about great power. With great power came the witnessing of the believers, which caused great grace to come upon them. When God is honored, trusted, and obeyed, there cannot be any lack. God is the source of every need that a believer can ever have. David told believers that because God is his shepherd, he shall not want ([Psalms 23:1](#)). There was a spirit of love that was being manifested in a way that was beyond comprehension. Many times, believers forget that God is love and that love is not love until love is shared. "But whoso hath this world's good, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" ([1 John 3:17](#)).

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CONCLUSION

God gave great power when the disciples spoke, until great conviction came upon the people regarding their personal sins, Christ's righteousness, and God's judgment. The great power included the anointing of the Spirit upon the Apostles for miraculous signs and wonders, so that believers – multitudes of both men and women – could be added to the Kingdom.

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CONCLUSION

The believers were so in tune with God after they received the Holy Spirit that they were careful not to offend God in any way. When a believer falls in love with God, he wants to know all that he can find out about Him. He wants to feel Him, touch Him, talk to Him, be near Him, and obey Him. One of the brethren named Joses, of the tribe of Levite had some land, sold it, brought the money, and laid it at the Apostles' feet.

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CONCLUSION

He wanted to make sure that his goods would be shared. I believe that during these perilous days that we are living in, the believers need to prepare for a great move of God. We need to live with the expectation of miracles, signs, and wonders. The believers have prayer ministries all over our countries, the United States of America and around the world. But we must not just pray but we must humble ourselves, seek God's face, turn from our selfish and wicked ways. Only then are we going to hear from Heaven, then, God will forgive our sins and heal our land.

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CONCLUSION

We must return to the foundational holiness teaching, treat each other with respect, and show integrity toward one another. When we do this, we will fulfill Jesus' teaching, for other people will know that we are His disciples for we will have love one to another.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**The promise of the Holy Spirit is given to
every believer when they accept it.**

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NEXT LESSON

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**The Holy Spirit Punishes Believer
for the Dishonesty**