



## Are you operating through the Holy Spirit or through your own abilities and strength?

*“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** Matthew 3:11*

We need to minister from the Throne Room of God. We need to minister through the Holy Spirit of God because that's where the power of God is. For **the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power** (1 Corinthians 4:20).

We are united with the Father and Son and each other through the Holy Spirit... *that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity* (John 17:22-23). You are hidden with Christ in God, you are seated in heavenly places.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.** I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.** Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that **the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.**”

**John 17:20-26**

For you died, and **your life is now hidden with Christ in God.**  
**Colossians 3:3.**

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)** For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. **He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**  
**Ephesians 2:4-10**



If you want to live for Christ and serve God, the Holy Spirit baptism is essential to enter the Kingdom of God. God's word is clear - you cannot enter the kingdom of God unless you are born again, born of water and the Spirit (John 3:3-6). Some of you have not been baptised in water and the Holy Spirit. Some of you do not have a relationship with the Holy Spirit and are acting out of your earthly nature instead of God's Spirit. There is no power when we operate apart from Him for apart from me, Jesus said, you can do nothing (John 15:5-8).

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** John 3:3-6

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. **Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. **John 15:5-8**

Remember, the things of the Spirit are hostile to the mind (1 Corinthians 2:14) so if you don't have the Holy Spirit, you can't understand or receive the things of God.

**The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14**

In John 17:20-21, Jesus prayed **that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.** Are you connected to God and His body through the Holy Spirit or are you operating and acting separately, apart from His power and presence. The further you are away from light the darker it is. Jesus said you are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14) but if you don't have His Spirit how can you be light, because He is the light. (John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.").

Are you operating from an earthly position without a relationship with the King. Not by might nor power but by my Spirit (Zechariah 4:6). How can you expect to operate in the power of God if you don't have His Spirit? The fruits of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit - you can't have fruits or gifts apart from the Holy Spirit because they belong to Him. How can you expect to operate in the fruits and gifts of the Spirit without the Holy Spirit? How can you be expected to be one with the Father and Son and each other without His Spirit?

He will guard the feet of his faithful servants, but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness. **"It is not by strength that one prevails; 1 Samuel 2:9**

So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: **'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.** Zechariah 4:6



This is not a time to play around with the matters of God (Hebrews 4:12-13). Jesus desires to have a close relationship with you. He desires for you to be united as one in Him through the Holy Spirit. He is returning for a bride, one body, not separate parts.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but **all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

**For the word of God is alive and powerful.** It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable (Hebrews 4:12-13).

In Acts 1:4-5 Jesus told the disciples to **wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.** In Acts 1:8 Jesus said you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. The Holy Spirit is the power, without Him you do not have power because the power belongs to Him. This promise of the Holy Spirit Baptism was not just for the disciples of that day, it is a promise for you today because you are a child of God.

Acts 1:1-8 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: **“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

If you love God, if you have repented of your sins and turned to him, if you have declared with your mouth Jesus is Lord, if you believe in your heart the Father sent his only son Jesus Christ to die for your sins and raised Him to life on the third day – then you are saved, you are a child of God and he desires to baptise you with His Holy Spirit. If you haven’t received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, let’s pray together.

Lord Father, we love you. You promised your children the gift of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I ask right now Father that you baptise me with the Holy Spirit. Make your home with me as your word says. Create in me clean hands and a pure heart so that I may live for you Jesus. Amen



Thank you God for your gift of the Holy Spirit! May we live to glorify your name always! Hallelujah. I encourage you to read all the scriptures in this document and search the Bible through the Holy Spirit for more understanding of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and **we will come to them and make our home with them.**”

**Romans 10:9-13** If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

