

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit

Part 3 You will receive power when the Spirit comes upon you

Matthew 22:29

*But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the **Scriptures** nor the **power** of God.*

Acts 1:1

*1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to **do** and **teach**, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.*

There was a twofold nature to Jesus' ministry, **do** and **teach**!

We need the empowering of the Holy Spirit for both. But what is missing most is the 'doing', the remarkable works of Holy Spirit power in and through us!

Acts 10:38

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Power scriptures

Luke 6:19

And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

Luke 8:46

But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."

Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Luke 21:27

27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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Jesus sets an example for us! If we believe we will see greater (more numerous) things (acts of power) than in His life.

John 1:50

50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

Acts 4:33

33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 6:8

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 15:13

13 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 15:19

19 by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;

1 Corinthians 1:17

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1 Cor 2:4-5

4 my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 4:20

20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

2 Corinthians 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 6:7

7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

2 Corinthians 10:4

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

2 Corinthians 12:9

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ephesians 1:19

19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

Ephesians 3:7

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

Ephesians 3:16

16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Ephesians 3:20

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

Philippians 3:10

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Colossians 1:11

11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

1 Thessalonians 1:5

5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

2 Timothy 1:7

7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 3:5

5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Hebrews 1:3

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 7:16

16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

James 5:16

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1 Peter 1:5

5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Peter 1:3

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

(Use some of these Scriptures to show the power available to us, and the use of that power)

A definition of biblical power

- *Dunamis* – dynamite, explosive power, you cannot mistake a dynamite explosion for anything else, like the Spirit wants to move in and through us with the explosive power of Heaven! You won't mistake it for something human or for a show! It's distinctly God!
- Ability
- Enabling
- Strength
- Fitted with, like a fighter jet is armoured with weapons

(Power from the Complete Word Study Bible – for your reference and information)

1411. *δύναμις* *dunamis*; gen. *dunameos*, fem. noun from *dunamai* (G1410), to be able. Power, especially achieving power. All the words derived from the stem *duna-* have the meaning of being able, capable. It may even mean to will. Contrast *ischus* (G2479) which stresses the factuality of the ability, not necessarily the accomplishment.

(I) Spoken of intrinsic power, either physical or moral, as in the verb *dunamai*.

(A) Of the body (1 Cor. 15: 43, "in power" stands in opposition to "in weakness"; Heb. 11: 11; Sept.: Job 39: 19, *dunamis*; Job 40: 11, *ischus*; Ps. 29: 4, *ischus* [G2479], strength).

(B) Generally (Matt. 25: 15; Acts 6: 8; 1 Cor. 15: 56; 2 Tim. 1: 7) a spirit of strength, meaning manly vigor in opposition to a spirit of cowardice (*deiliias* [G1167]) (Heb. 1: 3, "His powerful word" [a. t.]; 7: 16; 11: 34; Rev. 1: 16; Sept.: 2 Kgs. 18: 20; 1 Chr. 13: 8; 29: 2; Ezra 2: 69; 10: 13; Job 12: 13). Also in various constructions with *kata* (G2596), according to one's strength, meaning as far as one can (2 Cor. 8: 3). With *huper* (G5228), beyond, above one's strength (2 Cor. 1: 8; 8: 3). With *en* (G1722), in, and the dat. *dunamei* meaning with power or powerfully, mightily (Col. 1: 29; 2 Thess. 1: 11). With the dat. only (Acts 4: 33). In Eph. 3: 16; Col. 1: 11, the dat. *dunamei* means with power.

(C) Spoken of God, the Messiah, the great power of God, meaning His almighty energy (Matt. 22: 29; Mark 12: 24; Luke 1: 35; 5: 17; Rom. 1: 20; 9: 17; 1 Cor. 6: 14; 2 Cor. 4: 7; 13: 4; Eph. 1: 19; 3: 7, 20; 2 Tim. 1: 8; 1 Pet. 1: 5; 2 Pet. 1: 3). Joined with *doxa* (G1391), glory, it implies the greatness, omnipotence, and majesty of God (Rev. 15: 8. See Matt. 26: 64; Mark 14: 62; Luke 22: 69, "on the right hand of the power of God"; Heb. 1: 3, "on the right hand of the Majesty"). By metonymy spoken of a person or thing in whom the power of God is manifested, i. e., the manifestation of the power of God (Acts 8: 10; see Rom. 1: 16; 1 Cor. 1: 18, 24). With the gen. phrase "of God" it expresses the source, i. e., power imparted from God (1 Cor. 2: 5; 2 Cor. 6: 7). Spoken of Jesus as exercising the power to heal (Mark 5: 30; Luke 6: 19; 8: 46; 2 Cor. 12: 9). In Rom. 1: 4, "in power [en *dunamei*]" (a. t.) stands for the gen. *tou dunatou*, the Son of God, the powerful One. In the sense of power, omnipotent majesty (Matt. 24: 30; Mark 9: 1; 13: 26; Luke 21: 27, "with power and great glory"; 2 Thess. 1: 7, "with angels of His power" [a. t.] means the angels who are the attendants of His majesty; 2 Pet. 1: 16); as spoken of the power of the Spirit meaning the power imparted by the Spirit (Luke 4: 14; Rom. 15: 13, 19); of prophets and apostles as empowered by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1: 17; 24: 49; Acts 1: 8 [cf. Acts 2: 4]).

(D) Spoken of miraculous power, "the mighty power of signs and wonders" (a. t.) means the power of working miracles (Rom. 15: 19, explained by the power of the Spirit in the next clause; see Acts 10: 38; 1 Cor. 2: 4; 2 Cor. 12: 12; 2 Thess. 2: 9). By metonymy of effect for cause, the pl. *dunameis*, powers, is often used for mighty deeds, miracles (Matt. 7: 22; 11: 20, 21, 23; 13: 54, 58; 14: 2; Mark 6: 2, 5, 14; Luke 10: 13; 19: 37; Acts 2: 22; 8: 13; 19: 11; 1 Cor. 12: 10; 2 Cor. 12: 12; Gal. 3: 5; Heb. 2: 4; Sept.: Job 37: 14; Ps. 106: 2). The abstract for the concrete, meaning a worker of miracles (1 Cor. 12: 28, 29).

(E) Spoken of the essential power, true nature or reality of something (Phil. 3: 10, "the power of his resurrection"; 2 Tim. 3: 5). As opposed to *logos* (G3056), speech (1 Cor. 4: 19, 20; 1 Thess. 1: 5). Metaphorically of language, the power of a word, i. e., meaning, significance (1 Cor. 14: 11, "the power of the voice" [a. t.]).

(II) Spoken of power as resulting from external sources and circumstances:

(A) Power, authority, might (Luke 4: 36; 9: 1; Acts 3: 12; 2 Pet. 2: 11; Rev. 13: 2; 17: 13). Spoken of omnipotent sovereignty as due to God, e. g., in ascriptions (Matt. 6: 13; Rev. 4: 11; 5: 12; 7: 12; 11: 17; 12: 10; 19: 1; Sept.: 1 Chr. 29: 11). Joined with *onoma* (G3686),

name (Acts 4: 7; 1 Cor. 5: 4, meaning warrant). In Rom. 8: 38 "powers" stands for persons in authority, the mighty, the powerful ones (see 1 Cor. 15: 24; Eph. 1: 21; 1 Pet. 3: 22; Sept.: Esth. 2: 18).

(B) With the meaning of number, quantity, abundance, wealth (in Rev. 3: 8, a small number of members or perhaps true believers [cf. Rev. 18: 3]). Metaphorically for enjoyment, happiness (Heb. 6: 5).

(C) Of warlike power, meaning force, i. e., host, army (Luke 10: 19, over the whole host of Satan [see Luke 10: 20]; Sept.: Ex. 14: 28; 15: 4; 2 Sam. 10: 7; 17: 25; 20: 23). The powers of the heavens means the hosts of heaven, i. e., the sun, moon, and stars (Matt. 24: 29; Mark 13: 25; Luke 21: 26 [cf. Rev. 6: 13; Sept.: Is. 34: 4; Dan. 8: 10]).

Deriv.: dunamoo (G1412), to strengthen.

Syn.: ischus (G2479), strength, ability, force, somewhat stronger than dunamis; kratos (G2904), dominion, enduring strength; exousia (G1849), authority; arche (G0746), rule, power; megaleiotes (G3168), majesty; with the meaning of miracle: semeion (G4592), sign, token; teras (G5059), something strange, a marvel, wonder; megaleion (G3167), a great work; endoxon (G1741), a glorious work; paradoxon (G3861), a strange work; thaumasion (G2297), a marvelous work; thauma (G2295), a wonder, marvel; ergon (G2041), work when referring to Christ's work.

Ant.: astheneia (G0769), feebleness, infirmity, disease.

Challenge

Gal 5:16-26 (NIV)

16 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.

19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Summary of my relationship with the Spirit

- *Live by the Spirit* – I maintain my life in the Spirit, and my enabling is by the Spirit!
(The wind in the sail)
 - o I live above the law or legalism
 - o I win the battle of not gratifying the sinful nature
 - o I reap the benefits of the Gospel of grace – ever-deepening relationship and dependancy on God
- *Led by the Spirit*
(The course we set)
 - o Not led by my passions and desires
 - o Not tossed about by every wind of doctrine
 - o Not influenced by what is popular
 - o Finding that 'sweet spot' of grace!
- *Keep in step with the Spirit*
(The orders we obey)

ILLUSTRATION: Like the Man leads in a dance, and we keep in step with Him. Or like the Commander of an army unit issues the command, and we keep in step with His command!

- o The follow through of obedience, willing obedience!
- o Not my will but Yours, Lord!
- o Blessing flows from obedience