



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Faith involves your feet, not just your feelings!

Series: *You've Got The Power*

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE / THE FILLING!

Acts 1:6-8; Ephesians 5:18-21; Galatians 5:16-18 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

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"Do You Know the Holy Spirit?" Sadly, Many American Christians Do Not!

A 2021 survey indicates that 60% of American Christians who regularly attend church believe there is no such thing as the Holy Spirit. According to the survey, these churchgoers believe that the Holy Spirit is merely a symbol of God's presence or purity or power. As pastor and author Matt Chandler points out in this sermon, the survey indicates that a majority of American Christians do not have a trinitarian understanding of God; most of us don't know the God we worship.

Further research indicates that:

"Of the 40% who believe in the Holy Spirit, we still don't access the power that is available to us, because so many of us, neglect the Word and seek only the subjective (emotional) experience, what is labeled "seeking a breakthrough."

But without the solid Word of God to contain and channel that experience, the experience itself drains away into error and is lost.

Other Christians boast their spirituality is based on extensive knowledge of the Bible, but they are as dry as dead bones. They bring no refreshment.

A strong spiritual life requires both a strong knowledge of the Word of God and an intimate daily relationship with Christ, through the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Our life in Christ can be compared to an aqueduct, the stone waterways that brought water from nearby mountains into parched cities in Italy and Spain, and that are still used in some countries today.

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THE FILLING MAKES YOU:

1) _____ - Acts 1:6-8 NKJV

Verses 6–8 are closely tied together.

† 1:6 - the disciples asked Jesus about the time of the kingdom.

† 1:7 - Jesus rejected speculation about “times” altogether

† 1:8 - replaced this with the relevant subject:

The Christian task in the interim period before the kingdom’s coming.

Verses 6–8 places the disciples’ question in proper perspective:

The “restoration of the kingdom” involves a worldwide mission.

- Jesus promised the disciples two things:

† **Power**

† **Witness**

- The future tense here has an imperatival sense:

- “you *will* [must] receive power”

- “you *will* be my witnesses.”

- Luke stressed this future tense commission from the risen Lord at the close of his Gospel (Luke 24:47-49).

- All the same elements are there:

- the witness

- the call to the nations

- the power of the Spirit

- The power they were to receive was divine power:

- **Power** (Greek: *dunamis*) which means *might or ability*

- Same word used of Jesus’ miracles in the Gospels

- It is the *Spirit’s* power (2:1–21). The endowment with the Spirit is the prelude to, the equipping for **the mission**, and to *Do everything God has commanded us to do!!!!*

2) _____ - Ephesians 5:18-21 NKJV

Amenable means (*amenable to*) (*of a thing*) capable of being, act in a particular way; susceptible to be influenced.

- † 5:18 - Be under the Influence
- † 5:19-20 - Influence our Speech
- † 5:21 - Influence our Obedience

Submitting (Greek: *hupotasso*) means obedience, bring under control, line up under.

3) _____ - Galatians 5:16-18 NKJV

- † Galatians 5:17-26 NKJV
- † 1 Corinthians 11:30 NKJV

Amble means to walk. In application it speaks of...

- † Our Lifestyle - Galatians 5:16-17 NKJV
- † Our Choices - Galatians 5:18 NKJV
