

**SUBJECT : The Power Of God's Spirit**

**BIBLE BASIS:**

**Lesson Scripture:**

**Isaiah 42:1-8**

**BIBLE TRUTH:**

**The Spirit of the Lord empowers His servants**

**MEMORY VERSE: READ Isaiah 42:6**

**LESSON AIM:**

That your students will see the impact the Holy Spirit can have on the life of a committed servant of God

# Introduction

- The Holy Ghost is more important than the President of the United States, He is more important than any CEO or president of a major corporation. He is more important than any Preacher, any Pastor, any Bishop, any Pope. The Holy Ghost is the most important person in the world today. The most important thing Adam lost in the garden was the Holy Spirit. Gen. 2:7
- The solution to all of man's problems in the world is the Holy Spirit. Whether it's an economic problem, a social problem, a health problem, every thing that is going wrong in our world can be solved by the Holy Spirit. The crime problem, the child abuse problem, The gang violence, the drug abuse problem can all be solved by one thing the Holy Spirit. Legislating tougher laws won't do it, increasing law enforcement agencies with more police and bigger guns won't do it. All the problems of our society can be solved by one thing the ...
- Every man should be searching for the... The atheist should be searching for the ..., the alcoholic should be searching for the ..... The drug addict should be searching for the.....the prostitute is crying out for the .....the entire government should be searching for the...all of the 6.25 billion people in the world should be looking for the...

# Receive

- Every time you see the Holy Spirit in the Bible in reference to man, it is always associated with the word **receive**. Within this word is the revelation of what the Holy Spirit is in relation to you. Acts 1:8
- Notice how the word receive is spelled: It begins with a prefix. What is the prefix? **Re**..... Take away the prefix and what do you have?.... **ceive**. **Re** is not a word it's a prefix and in grammatical terms a prefix is added to a word to change its meaning. So the root word is **ceive**. We don't use this word **ceive** anymore, it is an old English word.
- The word **ceive** means to have or possess it now. So to add the prefix.. **Re**... to **receive** means to have or possess again. The Bible never says to us, **ceive** the Holy Spirit. Why?
- God performed the first operation when God **ceived** us the Holy Spirit when He breath in man the breath of life. Gen. 2:7-8
- Jesus performed the second operation when he breath on man and said, **Receive** ye the Holy Ghost. John 20:21-22
- The most important thing man lost when he sinned was the.....

# Purpose

- A fish out of water becomes depressed. Why? because a fish out of water cannot fulfill its purpose for being and that is to swim. A bird in a cage becomes depressed. Why? Because a bird in a cage cannot fulfill its purpose for being, and that is to fly. What's my point? The key to man's fulfillment is for man to do what God purposed him to do. The word purpose mean the original intent for the creation of a thing.
- So, what was God's original intent or purpose for mankind. It is found in Genesis. If we are not experiencing Gen 1:26-28, we are like a bird in a cage or a fish out of water.
- That's why when you owe bills you are depressed because the borrower is a slave to the lender. That's why when you are sick you are miserable because you were not created to be dominated with sickness.
- So Gods original intent was not for man to be in heaven or be dominated by his environment. God wanted man to be fruitful and dominate the earth realm. However, Adam sinned and lost the Holy Spirit which gave him the ability to dominate his environment

# So What Does God Do?

- He makes a promise. Gods first promise of a Messiah in the Bible was that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent. Gen. 3:15
- Christ was that seed and he crushed Satan's authority (head) in this earth realm (world) when he cried out from the cross, "It is finished."
- What was finished? The work of redemption was complete.
- Everything Adam lost in the garden has been redeemed.
- What was the price of redemption. 1Peter 1:18-19
- The Church must be about our Fathers business of reclaiming our inheritance. Rom. 4:13, 1Corn 5:17-19
- The curse have been lifted for them that are in Christ. Gal. 3:13-14
- Jesus settled our sin debt at the cross, He stamped it paid in full. 1Cor. 15:3  
He freed us from the power and penalty of sin. {Rom. 8:1-2}  
He took the sting out of death and robbed the grave of its victory.  
1Corn. 15:55  
He closed escrow on this world an took back the title deed to creation.  
Mat. 28:18-20  
Then He instructed his Church to take possession.. Luke 19:13, Matt 16:16-18

# Gods Servant Jesus

- Isaiah 42:1- Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. [2] He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- Jesus fullfills this verse in Matt. 12:18-20
- Jesus was God's chosen servant in the great work of redemption. Christ humbled Himself to serve the Father. He served the law. He served death. Phil 2:6-8
- Jesus' mission was to bring light (judgment) to the gentiles. Act 26:23
- Jesus Christ did not come making noise. *Striving*, arguing, debating. *fussing* creating an uproar in the streets
- Christ came quietly and peacefully to enlighten the ignorant, to quicken the conscience, to energize the will , to purify the affections , and to exalt the aims of men, bringing them into harmony with God. he came to right every wrong and to break the oppressors. Luke 19:10
- Jesus Christ did not come in the pomp and ceremony which the people had expected of the Messiah. He came with the voice of appeal and invitation to be saved, not with the voice of argument and terror and condemnation. John 3:17

# He Will Help You If You Let Him

- [3] A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. [4] He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
- If you are bruised, Jesus Christ came to heal them that are bruised, If you have a broken heart, he came to heal the broken hearted, If you are in bondage to drugs, sex alcohol, he came to destroy the yoke. Isa. 10:27
- Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10
- He did not come to destroy but to heal those who were hurt, battered, crushed, discouraged, depressed, down, insecure, inferior, shy. He came to heal
- He did not come to condemn those with a flickering wick (light) nor to cut them off and cast them away; but He came to encourage the flickering: the weak (light), unmotivated, half-hearted, and lazy. Come all ye that are heavy ladden and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn of me, I am meek and lowly and ye shall find rest for your soul. Matt. 11:28-30

# Jesus' Body A Means To And End

- The suffering, The cross, the death, the burial, the resurrection was all a means to and end.
- To bring the Holy Spirit back to man, God had to become a man. Emmanuel meaning God with us. Matt. 1:23
- .The Holy Ghost or the Kingdom of God is with you but He shall be in you. John 14:16-17, John 4:14
- Jesus is saying, the day will come when the Holy Ghost who is trapped in my body will be released by the enemy when he opens up my body with a spear and releasing all the Holy Ghost that resides in me. Therefore, it is good for you that I go away so the Holy Ghost will leave this body and come and fill all of your bodies. John 16:5-8.
- But, He cannot fill mans unholy body with the Holy Spirit. So the body I have is to prepare your body for what I am carrying. So Christ in going to shed his blood in his body to deal with the sin in your body.
- **He could not breath on them until he had finished the work that was necessary to make you holy again. John 20:22**



# The God Of All Creation Speaks

- [5] Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: [6] I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; [7] To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. [8] I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- The God of all creation called his people to righteousness, and will hold their hand, and keep them, and make a covenant with them, and cause them to be a light to the gentile. To open the eyes of those who have been blinded and held in bondage by the god of this world.  
1Corn. 4:4
- **Covenant-** originally made between God and Abraham ( Isa 49:8 ). Is an unconditional covenant a covenant of grace. Jesus is "The mediator of a better covenant" ( Hbr 8:6 ) than the law (see Isa 49:8 Jer 31:33 50:5 ).

# Let's Talk About The Holy Spirit

- Most believers have entered into a personal relationship with Christ as their personal savior, but, have experience very little of the power God has promised which is essential and necessary for that relationship to be effectively lived and experienced on earth. God has promised us power. Act 1:8
- Spiritual power is the privilege of every believer today who desires to be a filled and effective disciple of Jesus Christ. Act 2:36-39
- The only prerequisite to receiving the Holy Spirit is repenting, being hungry and asking for it. Act 2:38, Matt. 5:6, Luke 11:11-13
- Where is the power now? It is with (his church) whosoever Jesus have given the keys to. Matt 16:16-18
- He ends the Gospels with the great commission. Matt. 28:18-20, Luke 24:47-49
- He also indicated that they must be prepared to carry out the assignment. After those final instructions he told them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the **promise of the Father**. To wait expecting someone or something to come. The statement of the promise of the Father has to do with the spirit of God Adam lost in the garden.

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# Would Things Be Better if Jesus Were Here Now?

- Some of us believe that we would be much better Christians if Jesus was down here with us now.
- If you study the disciples on the New Testament they were terrible. They lived with him, they walked with him, they ate with him, they slept with him, went fishing with him, they were with him every day.
- Yet, they forsook him, denied him, didn't believe him and finally betrayed him. They had a big problem dealing with his physical presents. They had learned to put their faith in Jesus' physical presents. Your faith must not be in what we see but what we don't see. Jesus told Thomas you believe because you have seen but more blessed in he that cannot see but believe.
- Jesus rose from the dead and they still are struggling. Thomas said I will not believe unless I see. John 20:24-29

# Jesus Said, You Will Be Better Off If I Leave You

- John 16:5-7 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? [6] But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. [7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to empower the believer.
- The Holy Ghost would come to fill the void created by Jesus by no longer being with them in the flesh. Jesus was saying, I am going to send you something more powerful than Himself.

# You Need The Person And The Power

- Every born again believer around the world has the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit in them. It is impossible to be born again and not have the Holy Spirit. In order to be born again you must receive the Holy Spirit. John 3:1-6, John 1:10-12, John 14:23
- We need the Person of the Holy Spirit to get us into the Kingdom
- We need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with power to live and meet the challenges of life here on earth.
- Being born-again gets you into the kingdom and assures your eternal destiny .
- The Baptism empowers you while on earth to meet every challenge of the devil. You don't need power in heaven because you won't have any problems to overcome. Your problems are on earth, that's why Jesus said don't go nowhere until you get power.
- Temptations, habit, drugs, pornography, sex, lust, addictions, no matter how hard you try to change on your own it just doesn't work we need the power of the Holy Ghost to act right. To overcome this world.

# The Power Of The Holy Ghost Was What The Disciples Needed

- He gave them authority. Matt.10 authority is a license bases on the authorization Jesus gave them. They didn't have the power they had the legal right to use it. Example Checkbook
- They had become accustom to Jesus' presents so he discussed with them that he was going to leave them and they became very sadden. John 16:5-7
- The Lord wants us to have real power. Power is the ability to overcome every challenge and obstacles the devil brings us: in the home, in the workplace, in our relationships, in our finances, in our addictions, in our health, in our spiritual warfare against all the fire darts of the devil. Eph. 6:11-17
- Salvation is called a well of water. The Holy Spirit is called a river and a river can dry up if you let it. Wells never dry up because rivers come from wells. We need another drink. Isa. 12:3
- Lord give us the real stuff. We need your Power. Amen

# The Good News

- There are people who don't believe there is a baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- I have some good news for you. Everybody that is born again, but don't believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit have the Gift inside them right now.
- Let's use this illustration: Does everyone here have running water in their home which comes through your faucet? The water that comes through your faucet is hooked up to a small pvc pipe that runs from your house and is connected to a larger pipe that runs along the street which is connected to a larger pipe that is connected to a reservoir large enough to provide water to everybody in the city.
- It's not enough water to drown you, to flood the city and destroy everything in it. Yet your house and your little faucet is hooked up to that power source that could overpower you. When you turn the water on are you getting the same stuff that is in the tank?



# You Got a Hook Up

- You are hook up to a power source that has the power to destroy any demon, solve any problem and defeat any enemy in your life.
- But you are the person that determines how much of the power you will use.
- Some may ask, how can you speak in tongues and start when you want to and stop when you want to? Answer: Don't you turn your faucet on when you need some water and turn it off when you are through? The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet..1Corn 14:32
- Paul wrote, I sing with an understanding and I sing in the spirit, I pray with and understanding and I pray in the spirit. 1Corn. 14:14
- I'm hook up to the power, but, I'm not using it. Just because you don't speak with tongues don't mean your not hooked up. If you are born-again then you are hooked up to the reservoir. **Now weather you release that power is your choice.**

# Someone Is Praying For You Right Now

- The Holy Spirit inside you is praying for you right now. The Bible says that Jesus liveth to makes intercession for you in a language that cannot be understood , that means the Holy Spirit is praying in you right now. Can you hear him? Maybe. Can you know he is praying for you? Yes, How? Because the word says so. **Rom. 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**
- Put your hand on your belly. The Bible says: out of your belly shall flow.... What?
- There is a prayer meeting going on inside you right now. Even when we do not know what to pray the Holy Spirit assist you with groaning that you cannot speak in English. There is a prayer meeting going on inside every believer.

# Pickup The Extension

- Speaking in tongues is like this. Its like two people talking on a party line. One person is in his own house and another person living in your house and they are talking on the phone to each other.
- Jesus is in his Fathers House seated on his right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit is in your house and they are talking on the phone to one another. Rom. 8:26
- Now praying in tongues is when you the believer, a third person picks up the extension and you tap in on the conversation. You hear them carrying on a conversation in a language you don't quit understand.
- You don't have to work up tongues, because spiritual conversation is going on all the time inside you. Every Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic you name it , if they have been born again have the tongues, they are just not picking up the extension and joining in the conversation. When you buy a pair of shoes don't the tongue come with them?
- If Jude was with us today, he would encourage you to build up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. (vs. 20) Tap in my friend, They are talking about your struggles, your pain, your needs, and your concerns right now. Pickup the extension and tap in to the power. John 7:37-39 Amen