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The Christian & Spiritual Power

If Pentecost Brought Power... Where Is the Power?

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”
(Acts 1:8).

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

The promise of power caused the disciples to assemble in the Upper Room at Jerusalem for a ten day prayer meeting.

- They waited.
- They expected.
- They trusted.
- They were united.
- They were in one accord.
- They received.
- They were transformed.
- They were changed.
- They continued.
- They changed their world.
- They changed religion forever.
- They “turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).
- They filled Jerusalem with their doctrine (Acts 5:28).
- They became the New Testament Church.
- They were the Biblical Church.

We must also be the Biblical Church:

- “A Church which believes the Bible.
- A Church which teaches the Bible.
- A Church which honours the Bible.
- A Church which lives according to the Bible.
- A Church which reproduces the Acts of Christ.
- A Church that steps out on the promises of God and exercises the power of God.
- A Church where our voices are blended with the voice of God.
- A Church where the impossible becomes possible, and is brought to pass.
- A Church which senses the power of the Spirit.
- A Church which is more concerned with a manifestation of God’s Spirit and power than with enticing words of men’s wisdom” (Anonymous).

We cannot be a Church that...

- has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof.
- is disunited.
- is in retreat.
- is backslidden.
- the gates of hell seem to prevail against it, even though the Bible promises they will not.

One individual said “where the Bible is not opened then the Church speaks with a stutter.” Another has said, “The Church is not being condemned for being like Christ. It is being condemned because it is not like Him.”

Matthew 21:12-16 teaches us a progression of concepts when it comes to the House of God:

1. House of Purity (Verse 12).
2. House of Prayer (Verse 13).
3. House of Power (Verse 14).
4. House of Perfected Praise (Verses 15-16).

*Was Pentecost a blessing to you...
or was it a power for you?*

We go from purity to prayer, then from prayer to power. Finally, we move from power to perfected praise. Our mountains are not removed by our power but by the power we receive at Pentecost (when we receive the Holy Spirit) (Zechariah 4:6-7).

Blessings - God flowing in.

Power - God flowing out.

Anointing - A special touch for a special task.

One man confessed, “There came a time in my life when I earnestly prayed, ‘God I want your power!’ Time moved on and the power did not come. One day the burden was so great and it was more than I could bear. ‘God why haven’t You answered that prayer?’ God whispered back a simple reply: ‘With plans no bigger than yours you don’t need my power!’”

Power “dunamis” is where we get the English word, “Dynamo.” We also have heard of “dynamic” preachers and “dynamite.” God gives dynamite power to cause an explosion. It is the power to do the works of Christ. Daniel 11:32 says, “But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.”

The Absence of Pentecostal Power is:

- one of the greatest problems of the church.
- one of the greatest problems of our preachers.
- one of the greatest problems in the messages we preach.

Take note of the following Scriptures and especially note the transfer of the power from Jesus to us. We quote many Scriptures about the power but we need to start believing what we quote.

- Luke 4:14, 32,36; 5:17; 9:43; 10:19-20; 24:47-49
- Mark 16:17-18, 20
- Acts 3:12; 5:15; 8:19

Many songs about the power are sung around the world. We need to believe what we are singing:

“We’ve got the power, it’s in the name of Jesus. We’ve got the power, in the name of the Lord. Though Satan rages, we shall not be defeated. We’ve got the power, in the name of the Lord.”

“There is power, power, wonder working power, in the blood of the Lamb. There is power, power, wonder working power, in the precious blood of the Lamb.”

“I know the power of God is just the same today. And it doesn’t matter what the people say. Whatever God has promised, He’s able to perform. And the power of God is just the same today.”

Study Questions

1. What are some of the things the Church ought to be? _____

2. What are some of the things the Church cannot be? _____

3. What are the four steps of progression in the House of God? _____

4. What is the difference between blessings, power, and anointing? _____

5. What type of problems does the absence of power bring into the church? _____

6. Comment on the meaning of power and what the Scriptures say about it. _____

Additional Notes

Claiming the Power of God

“...And grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

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 God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul” (Acts 4:29-32).

Individuals today seem to be on a power hunt; a quest for power. Billboards even advertise with captions like, “Feel the Power!” or “The Power.” Examples abound of people who have power and misuse it. This misuse of power usually leads to abuse and even dictatorship. However, the Holy Spirit gives power as the life support system to the Church. There is no substitute for the demonstration of God’s Spirit and power in the Body of Christ. The Early Church used the power for the glory of God and the Church moved forward. In order to claim the power of God and effectively use it, five things must be evident in the life of a believer. These characteristics (and more), were evident in the lives of the early Christians in Acts.

1. Love
2. Unity
3. Prayer
4. Fasting
5. A yielded, sinless life.

Paul said, “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings” (Philippians 3:10). The world is looking for men who know their God, and for a demonstration of His power. “But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits” (Daniel 11:32).

In Luke 4:1 Jesus is described as being “full of the Holy Ghost.” After praying, fasting, and being tempted by Satan He then returns in “the power of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14). Immediately we see Jesus going into the temple and declaring, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down” (Luke 4:18-20).

After Jesus clarified the areas of ministry for which He was anointed, He handed the book to the minister. This signifies His transferring the responsibility of ministry to us. People were astonished at His doctrine because His word was with power (Luke 4:32). Jesus has also anointed us with power to do the same things He did while He was on the earth. “Behold, I give

unto you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19).

Not only did Jesus promise we would be able to do the things He did, He promised to do greater things through us. “The works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do” (John 14:12).

When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit we receive power (Acts 1:8). It is important that we utilize this power to be a blessing. While we were not saved we were considered to be in the flesh; the carnal man. Now we have become a spiritual man, and we ought to walk in the Spirit. Paul said, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:1, 5-6, 8-9).

We need to allow the power of God to flow out of our lives. This requires us being sensitive to the Spirit and boldly doing what God tells us to do.

John the Beloved was on the Isle of Patmos when the Spirit began to talk to him. In Revelation 1:10 he wrote, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.” Notice the three progressive steps here in this verse.

1. I was in the Spirit
2. On the Lord’s Day
3. And heard

What a difference it would make if everyone started being in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and expected to hear from God. He is ever ready to speak and show us great things. Many times we begin to operate in the flesh instead of relying on God to speak. “Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” (Galatians 3:3). We must begin, and stay in the Spirit. “And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62).

In the Book of Revelation seven times are the words recorded, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches” (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).

Elijah was a man who understood how to hear the voice of God. “And, behold the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not

in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it" (1 Kings 19:11-13).

We must have sensitive ears to hear what Jesus is saying to the Church and to us. It takes living a life of knowing Jesus. This is only accomplished by:

1. Having the Spirit within.
2. Living a sinless life, in holiness.
3. Prayer.
4. Fasting.
5. Reading and studying God's Word.
6. Developing sensitivity to His voice.
7. Doing what God tells us to do.

Paul developed this type of lifestyle. He challenged us when he wrote, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 4-5, 9).

Christ at Work in You

- Here is my brain, think through it.
- Here is my face; glow through it.
- Here are my hands; touch with them.
- Here are my eyes; see through them.
- Here are my ears; listen with them.
- Here are my lips; speak through them.
- Here is my heart; love through it. (Author Unknown)

Study Questions

1. What are five characteristics that need to be in the lives of Christians in order to claim the power of God?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

2. What was Jesus anointed to do? _____

3. Give two references that show we have been given power to do great things for God.

4. What are the three progressive steps in Revelation 1:10?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

5. How do we develop the ability to hear the Spirit? _____

6. What statement is recorded seven times in Revelation? _____

Additional Notes

Power Tools of the Apostolic Church

“And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:33).

When a contractor was working on the construction of the Ghana Bible School facility he used electric saws, sanders, and other building equipment. This made the work progress quickly and the entire facility was built in record time. Without these powerful tools the building would have been slower. We would have had to depend on manual labor. That is, men using their own power to accomplish the work. Would you sew with your hands if an electric sewing machine was in your house? Would you walk if a powerful car was in your compound?

Eastwood Anaba, in *Operating Spiritual Gifts* relates, “A brand new automobile in perfect condition and filled with gas, cannot serve the purpose of transporting people, unless someone gets into it, turns on the ignition and begins to manipulate the clutch, gears, accelerator and brakes....Having established that physical gifts must be operated or manipulated before their usefulness become evident, let me state here that in the spiritual realm the same logic applies...Physical gifts received by people, were not created by the recipient but he is expected to operate the gift for his benefit. Likewise, spiritual gifts are not created by men, but men who receive such heavenly blessing, must know how to yield to the operation of these gifts by the Holy Ghost in them.”

The spiritual work of building the house of God, the body of Christ needs powerful tools. The tools involved in reaching a world will take not only our power, but the power of the Spirit. One of the ways we see a manifestation of the power is through the operation of Spiritual Gifts. Before God can use us in Spiritual Gifts we must first receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This gives us dynamic power to be witnesses in all the world (Acts 1:8).

In Acts 3 the Gifts of the Spirit are in operation in the lives of men of God. Once Peter received power (through the baptism of the Holy Spirit); he also received faith. Immediately he was being used in the Gifts of the Spirit. In fact, in Acts 3, a variety of spiritual gifts are in operation. The healing of the lame man surpassed the capability of Peter and John and entered into the realm of the Spirit. These gifts were for the building of the Church.

We see a more in depth study of the Gifts of the Spirit in the story of the Corinthian Church. This Church was having problems understanding the Gifts of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 12-14, gave teaching on the subject. We should be thankful for the Corinthian Church having trouble because we could be left without instruction over something we should understand by the Holy Spirit. Every church needs teaching on the Gifts of the Spirit. These gifts are to be used by the Church throughout all time until Jesus comes back. Every man of God

should be used in the Gifts of the Spirit. When we begin to love the world enough to realize we need the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit then we will see a supernatural move of God.

For many years the Gifts of the Spirit have been greatly misused (teachers should give some examples of misuses they have encountered in their own experiences). When we see something misused, what should be our response? Should we avoid usage? The answer for misuse is proper use. We cannot stop allowing the Gifts of the Spirit to operate in our churches just because someone misuses them, misunderstands them, or pretends he is being used of God when he is not. The Apostle Paul did not want us to be ignorant of Spiritual Gifts.

Therefore he directed his teaching to the brethren. God still wants to communicate with the Church but sometimes the Church does not always want to listen.

“He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches” (Revelation 2:7). Why not begin to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church? He does not need a group of people who cannot listen. He does not want us to be ignorant but understanding. God wants us to have the best!

If we are ignorant of the Gifts of the Spirit it is for one of the following three reasons:

1. We were never taught.
2. We didn't want to learn.
3. We did not understand.

We need to relax and say,

“Have your way, Lord. Teach me your way!”

The Apostle Paul tells us to, “covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31). We must, “follow after charity (love) and desire spiritual gifts” (1 Corinthians 14:1). We do not receive the gifts to exalt ourselves; to make a name for ourselves; or to be lifted up in pride. The only way to use the gifts is with love. Love is the powerful force that causes us to want to be used in the Gifts of the Spirit. Love must come first and then we will desire the gifts to serve God better. Putting Spiritual Gifts ahead of love would be a serious mistake. Love is the universal language understood by all classes of people.

“Gifts of the Spirit” is the term used to specify its own nature. It refers to the supernatural manifestation that comes to us as gifts from the Holy Spirit. They are manifested through believers to profit everyone. They are for the upbuilding of the Church.

If the Church does not have the operation and manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit it is deprived of the upbuilding and edifying that comes from the gifts and presence of the Holy

Ghost in the Church. We must believe the Word of God and its promises in order to have power and authority that will be noticed by the world.

George Shalm, in his book, *Spiritual Gifts for the Dynamic Church* states that, "The Gifts of the Spirit were designed to be the very heartbeat of the living, vibrant Body of Christ. If we accept the concept that evangelism is the basic ministry of the church, then we must realize that we

Robert Kennedy once said,
Some people ask, "Why?"
Others of us ask "Why not?"
But I ask, "Why not, now?"
I ask you,
"Why not use God's power tools now?"

are doomed for failure if we do not avail ourselves to the equipment God has provided....The early apostles were quickly taught that the most effective manner of presenting the gospel was one of power."

It is time for us to awaken to the need for spiritual gifts and ask:

*"Why can't I have it?
Why can't I have it now?"*

Paul proclaimed, "But the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Corinthians 12:7). This means everyone can be used in the Gifts of the Spirit.

Study Questions

1. What is meant by, Gifts of the Spirit? _____

2. Where do we find teaching on the Gifts of the Spirit? _____

3. What should happen when we find the Gifts of the Spirit are misused? _____

4. What is the powerful force that causes us to want to be used in the Gifts of the Spirit? _____

5. What happens when the church does not have the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit? _____

6. What is the most effective way of presenting the Gospel (according to George Shalm)? _____

7. If people are ignorant of the Spiritual Gifts, it is because of what three reasons? _____

8. Who can be used in the Gifts of the Spirit? Give a Scripture for this. _____

9. What did Robert Kennedy say? _____

10. Eastwood Anaba tells us we cannot create the Spiritual Gifts but we must _____ to them. (Fill in the blank.)

Additional Notes

Gifts from the Giver of Gifts

“...The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men...and would have done sacrifice with the people...Paul, heard...ran in among the people, crying out...Sirs, why do these things? We are also men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God...”
(Acts 14:11-15).

The Gifts of the Spirit are important and an essential part of the church and our ministry. Unfortunately some misuse the Gifts and the power that comes through them. God does not give us the Gifts for a show of our power but to manifest His great power. We do not worship the “Gifts” or those used in a particular Gift. We worship the giver of Gifts (James 1:17). Simon the Sorcerer in Acts 8 desired to purchase the Gift. His Spirit was not correct. He wanted this Gift for his selfish use, glory, and power. This is not the purpose of the Gifts.

Purposes of the Gifts

God has purposes for the “Gifts of the Spirit” and they are as follows:

1. To show forth the power and love of the Holy Spirit in public gatherings, homes, families, and in people’s lives.
2. To help make the preaching of the gospel more effective by giving a supernatural confirmation to the message (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 14:8-18; 16:16-18; 19:11-20; 28:1-10).
3. To meet the needs of the people. Jesus always began at the person’s point of need. He ministered to their felt need first and also their hurts. In His first sermon at Nazareth He preached on ministering to the needs expressed in Luke 4:18-19. Jesus’ total emphasis was on meeting needs and healing the hurts of people. The Bible records, “And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power” (Luke 4:32). “What a word is this! For with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out” (Luke 4:36). When you meet the needs of someone, you immediately gain their interest and attention. If you are not meeting needs you are not ministering. The Gifts are given to meet needs and to strengthen the church and people.
4. To wage spiritual warfare against the devil and his forces (Acts 8:5-7; Acts 26:18).

Points to Remember

When studying the Gifts of the Spirit we should always keep in mind:

1. They are to build up the church.
2. They are for the benefit of everyone.

3. They are always associated with needs.
4. They are not just for inside of the church building but also for anywhere we go including our homes.
5. They are for the glory of God and not to lift up man.
6. They require someone to be Spirit filled and obedient to the Spirit.
7. They do not operate independent of each other. They operate together. They work like the parts of the body--together.
8. They are "Gifts" and the one being used should remain humble and not become proud. As long as we remain humble we can be used mightily. God wants to do a work through us but He wants the glory.

The Apostle Paul identified nine Gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12. Other people identify more Gifts in different places of God's Word. For the purpose of our study we will use the nine.

The Nine Gifts of the Spirit:

1. Word of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of Healing
5. Working of Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of Spirits
8. Divers Kinds of Tongues
9. Interpretation of Tongues

(Teacher should use a variety of methods for the students to memorize these nine Gifts right within this class session.)

Study Questions

1. What are the purposes of the Gifts of the Spirit? _____

2. As we study the Gifts of the Spirit what are some of the things we need to keep in mind? _____

3. List the nine Gifts of the Spirit.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____

4. Where do you find these nine Gifts of the Spirit in the Bible? _____

5. Which particular needs did Jesus mention that He was anointed to meet in Luke 4? _____

Additional Notes

God at Work through the Spirit Filled Believer

“And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all”
(Acts 4:33).

Spiritual Gifts are supernatural abilities given to the Spirit filled believer due to the Holy Spirit operating within him.

The Spirit begins to manifest (become visible) through different Gifts. The Gifts are given by God for:

- A specific purpose.
- At a specific time.
- Through specific people.
- For specific people.

The Gifts can be classified and put in three different categories:

1. Thinking like God Thinks

These Gifts reveal something. They cause us to know. These are also called Gifts of Revelation or Administrative Gifts. These gifts are designed to help us with overseeing and preserving the Church. They allow a Spirit filled believer to be directed concerning what God is thinking.

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Discerning of Spirits

2. Acting like God Acts

These Gifts do something. These are also called the Gifts of Power or Ministry/Evangelism Gifts. These gifts enable the believer, when directed by the Spirit, to act like God would act. They draw attention to God’s power and this attracts, persuades, and evangelizes sinners. It strengthens the evangelism thrust of the church.

- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles

3. Speaking like God Speaks

These Gifts say something. They are also called Communication/ Inspiration/ Verbal Gifts. They enable the believer when directed by the Spirit to speak like God speaks or speak as God would speak. These express some of the ways God speaks to His church.

- Prophecy
- Divers Kinds of Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

Through these Gifts we are strengthened by exhortation, comfort, and edification.

To illustrate the Gifts using a visible means, refer to the chart page 102, taken from *God's Gifts-For All Occasions!* (A Search for Truth Publication).

Study Questions

1. Write the three classifications of Spiritual Gifts and explain each one. What do they enable us to do?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2. What are Spiritual Gifts? _____

A Job Worth Starting Is Worth Finishing

“...Of all that Jesus began both to do and teach. Until the day in which he was taken up...”
(Acts 1:1-2).

In the Book of Acts we see Jesus continues the work He started on the earth. His plan was to endue His disciples with power; coming inside of them so He would continue to work in His church. In Acts, Jesus is the “worker.” Acts 2:47 says the Lord added daily to the church those who should be saved. He continues to do what He began even up until today (Philippians 1:6).

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” From this Scripture we can conclude:

1. Anything Jesus has done before He can do again.
2. Anything Jesus is doing anywhere in the world, He can do it here.
3. Anything He is doing for anyone else, He can do for me (because He is no respecter of persons) (Acts 10:43).

Jesus continues to do and teach through the Holy Spirit who “shall teach you all things” (John 14:26).

When Jesus was on the earth He was operating in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14) and in Acts His men operated in the same power.

When Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke he wrote about what Jesus did in His physical body. The Book of Acts was written to explain what Jesus was doing, from His throne in heaven, through His spiritual body (which is the Church).

Jesus stated what He was beginning to do in Luke 4:18-19 when He said the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him and He was anointed to....

1. preach the gospel to the poor
2. sent me to heal the brokenhearted
3. to preach deliverance to the captives
4. recovering of sight to the blind
5. to set at liberty them that are bruised
6. preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

When He had finished stating what He was going to do He “closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister” (Luke 4:20). This is symbolic of the completion of His earthly ministry and giving us the responsibility to carry on what He began.

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions” (Luke 10:19-20).

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing; it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:17-18).

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father....I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you” (John 14:12, 18).

If we were to try to explain all Jesus did while on the earth it would take more than all the books available (John 21:25). However, let us look at a sampling.

We see Jesus performed seventeen healings of individuals (fever, leprosy, paralysis, withered hand, blindness, deafness, internal bleeding, dropsy, and severed ear.) He still heals today.

He supplied needs by feeding the hungry on five different occasions; financial need of tax money; stood in the boat and calmed the storm (protection); and walked on water. He said, “Greater works than these shall he do” (John 14:12).

He did His miracles anywhere and everywhere; weddings, funerals, graveyards, synagogues, houses, mountains, pools, and boats. Is there anywhere we can allow Him to use us?

How He performed His miracles: He touched, was touched, spat; wept; groaned; and was moved with compassion. Couldn't we touch, weep, groan or be moved with compassion over the needs in this world? We are to complete what He started.

God gave Moses a rod.
He gave Elijah a mantle.
God has given us His name.
What are we doing through
the power of the name?

- Jesus has given us dynamite power (Acts 1:8).
- He wants us to be a powerhouse for Him.
- We should go in the power and demonstration of the Spirit.
- We must say what He says.
- We must do what He tells us.
- There is power in us.
- If we don't use the power we are cheating God and robbing people of being ministered to.
- The only hands He has to use are our hands.
- The only mouth He has to use is our mouth.
- The only faith He has to use is our faith.
- We are labourers together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9).
- “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).
- Our ministry will have signs following.

- God is the same.
- We have the same message.
- We have the same Jesus.
- We have the same power.

**The only thing that should not be the same is us.
Lord, use us to continue what You started!**

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus continue to do His work today? _____

2. What are three things about Jesus we can learn from Hebrews 13:8? _____

3. What is the difference between what Jesus did in the Book of Acts and the Gospel of Luke?

4. Jesus closing the book in Luke 4:20 could be symbolic of what? _____

5. What has Jesus given us to use as we work for Him? _____

6. What type of power has Jesus given us? _____

7. In which ways does Jesus want to use you? _____

