

# GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER - THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Luke 24:49 / Acts 1:8 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Two Fold Purpose of the Holy Spirit:

1. To provide personal infallibility.
2. To provide power to live a supernatural life.

There is much more than just speaking in tongues. Baptism in the Holy Spirit *provided* the power, the ability, and the transformation. To operate in such power we need to be infallible. Baptism in the Holy Spirit gave the disciples this infallibility. The Holy Spirit wants to reveal Himself to us, in us, and through us.

*Tomorrow should be so filled with holy expectations that we will be living flames for Him.*

- Smith Wigglesworth

## 1. SET APART AND SANCTIFIED FOR GOD

*And in these days when the disciples were multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Hellenists against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.*

*And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: It is not right that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.*

*Look out therefore, brethren, from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, which we may appoint over this business; they set before the apostles; and they prayed and laid their hands on.*

Acts 6:1-3, 5

God's intention for the Church was that everything, even everyday routines, must be sanctified by Him, for the Church had to be a Holy Spirit Church. God has never ordained anything less.

## 2. ENDUED WITH POWER

*Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? Are you filled with divine power?*

The heritage of the Saints is to be so equipped with power, that God can lay His hand upon any member at any time to do His perfect will. There is no stopping point in the Spirit-filled life.

*But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

To have the baptism of the Holy Spirit means that there must be an eternal holiness. The Saints needs to manifest and demonstrate God's presence and power in such a way that the world will recognize it as God's glory and power!

## 3. RISE ABOVE THE ORDINARY

The same function, the same zeal, the same Holy Spirit power is at our command as it was at the command of Stephen and the Apostles.

*And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

Acts 6:8

As we go deeper in God, He enlarges our capacity for understanding and places before us a wide-open door.

Stephen was in the place where God could move him so that he, in turn, could affect those around him. He began in a humble place and ended in a blaze of glory.

*But grow in grace (undeserved favour, spiritual strength) and recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honour, majesty, and splendour) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!*

2 Peter 3:18 (Amplified)

#### 4. MIGHTY FOR GOD

Something happened in the life of this man. Chosen for menial service (servant hood); he became mighty for God. How was it accomplished in him? It was because his aim was high. Stephen was faithful in little, and God brought him to full fruition.

*But he, full of the Holy Spirit and controlled by Him, gazed into heaven and saw the glory (the splendour and majesty) of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand;*

*And he said, Look! I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at God's right hand!*

Acts 7:55-65 (Amplified)