

Acts 1:4-5, 8

4 On one occasion, while (Jesus) was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit..." 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

dunamis (doo'-nam-is); a force; a miraculous power, explosive power as in the power of God.

HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU POWER

1) TO BE BOLD.

Acts 4:31-33

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

2) TO BE STRONG WHEN YOU ARE WEAK.

Romans 8:26

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me... For when I am weak, then I am strong.

3) TO HAVE HOPE IN DIFFICULT TIMES.

Romans 15:13

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

4) TO EXPERIENCE ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

Ephesians 3:16-19

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Acts 2:1-4

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Ephesians 5:15-18

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

WHEN YOU ARE DRUNK WITH WINE, YOU ARE UNDER ITS INFLUENCE.

It changes the way you act, think, and speak.

WHEN YOU ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, YOU ARE UNDER ITS INFLUENCE.

Galatians 5:25

25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

- Share your personal reactions to the gift of tongues. How did the message influence your beliefs?
- How did the picture of getting drunk help expand your understanding of what a Spirit-filled life is like?
- As you take your next steps towards a Spirit-filled life, what questions do you still have that you will seek out answers to?

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