



Key References:

Matthew 8:27 (ESV) – And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

Matthew 9:37–10:1 (ESV) – Then he said to his disciples, “**The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**” ^{10:1} And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Acts 10:38 (ESV) – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

John 5:19 (ESV) – So Jesus said to them, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.**”

Mark 16:15–18 (ESV) – And he said to them, “**Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.**”

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV) – For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (ESV) – For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

Leaders: if there are additional question this week a great resource is our “Getting to know the Holy Spirit” School of the Bible course from 2018: <https://www.oceansidechurch.ca/series/getting-to-know-the-holy-spirit>

1 – POWER CHARACTERIZED JESUS' MINISTRY
Out of all the miracles that Jesus performed which one would you have been most marveled by if you had been there? Read Matthew 8:23-27. Thinking about v27 what do you think was going through the disciples' heads as they followed Jesus?

Andy said that power and authority characterized Jesus' ministry. **Do you think that's why so many crowds flocked to him?**

2 – POWER GIVEN TO THE DISCIPLES

Read Matthew 9:37-10:1. At this point the disciples has been with Jesus for two years. **Are you surprised at the level of authority & power he delegated to them? Why did the disciples need the power that Jesus gave them in v1 to be sent out into the harvest?**

If the disciples needed power & authority as they went into the harvest, is the same true for the church today?

3 – POWER UNDER AUTHORITY LIKE JESUS

Read Acts 1:6-8 Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to the disciples. **How does this echo Peter's explanation of where Jesus' power came from in Acts 10:37-38? Are the similarities between Pentecost & Jesus' anointing?**

Read John 5:19-20 & John 5:30. **How was Jesus' relationship to the Father a model for us and the disciples to follow? What are the benefits?**

4 – GOD'S POWER IN THE CHURCH TODAY

Would you say that the church in Acts was characterized by the power of the Holy Spirit? Is the same characterization true for today's church?

On Sunday Andy said; “*The devil wins when he makes Christians too afraid to pick-up the power that is available to them through the Holy Spirit.*” **Why are we sometimes worried about spiritual power and how does this work to the enemies' advantage?**

Read Acts 3:12 & Acts 4:7-10. **Who does Peter ascribe the power and the glory to after a miracle?**

Read Mark 16:15-18. **Why should “these signs” continue today as we continue with the work of the great commission?**

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4. **How could the divine power that Jesus has given us by The Holy Spirit be used to “destroy strongholds” in Nanaimo?**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

5 – THE “WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE”

Examples of power in the New Testament church:

- **The gospel message for salvation** [Acts 4:33, Romans 1:16]
- **Works of faith** [2 Thessalonians 1:11]
- **Gifts of The Holy Spirit** [1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12]
- **Signs & Wonders** [Romans 15:18, Acts 5:19-20, 12:7-11, 13:11, 16:25]
- **Demonic strongholds set free** [Acts 5:16, 8:6-13, 16:16-24]
- **Healing** [Acts 5:12-16, 9:17-18, 9:34, 9:40, 10:3-4, 10:30-32, 14:10, 19:11-12, 28:7-10]
- **Visions & Prophecies** [Acts 7:55-56, 9:10, 10:9-20, 11:28; 21:11, 16:9]
- **Dead raised** [Acts 20:7-12]

Are there additional examples of Spiritual power present in the New Testament church?

6 – STRONGHOLDS

Jeremiah 16:19–21 (ESV) – O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: “Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.²⁰ Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!”

²¹ “Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD.”

7 – SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE COURSES



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8 – HOW THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME AT DIFFERENT TIME IN ACTS

- Jesus called the disciples first filling of the Holy Spirit a “baptism” (Acts 1:5)
- The disciples were filled on multiple occasions after Pentecost (Acts 4:31, Acts 7:55, Acts 13:9, Acts 13:52)
- Believers can be filled with the Holy Spirit on the same day as water baptism (Acts 19:4-6)
- Believers can be filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time at a significant date after being water baptised (Acts 8:12–17)
- Believers can be filled with the Holy Spirit prior to water baptism (Acts 10:44-48)
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit often comes via impartation / laying on of hands from a Spirit-filled believer.
 - However, we see cases where it is not explicitly mentioned (Acts 10:45)
- The filling of the Holy Spirit belongs to Jesus (Mark 1:8)

Find these two great courses on this topic at oceansidechurch.ca under the “Ministries” menu click “Oceanside School of The Bible.”