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## THE RESULTS OF THE POWER

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an infusion of supernatural power. It opens up to the believer all of God's best. That power was demonstrated in the Book of Acts with accounts of the early believers (Acts 5:12) and their miracles, signs and wonders. Ones such as Peter, John, Stephen, Paul, Ananias of Damascus are recorded, but there were too many to name them all.

It continues in our modern times as God does not change, nor does He take away that which He has given. Hebrews 13:8 states, ***"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*** Jesus sent us Holy Spirit from Father to do the works greater than Jesus did. He changes not; He is no "Indian giver."

Over the last 140 years of our modern times God has raised up many "Holy Ghost-baptized" ministers who wrought great numbers of healing and various other miracles (including raising the dead). This includes those such as Maria Woodworth Etter (1880-1923), Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake, Aimee Semple McPherson, William Branham, Kathryn Kuhlman, Jack Coe, A.A. Allen, Oral Roberts, Lester Sumrall, and others.

I have witnessed the demonstrations of such power in my own experience. My late wife Jenny (whose first Pastor was Lester Sumrall) often spoke to the wind or to the rain (as Jesus did) and they obeyed. My present wife Helen has spoken to the violent storms and they obeyed. She has had many people saved, many people miraculously healed, and many gifts of the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:4-11) manifest through her.

What about myself? I was baptized in the Holy Spirit in early 1971 about three months before my discharge from the U.S. Navy. I had been serving the Lord since age six. I was now age 23, had started a Missions Church, held a Bible conference, led souls to Jesus, and visited many missionary's works, but had never had a miracle result from prayer. A couple weeks after my "infilling," I was meeting for prayer in the base chapel with a couple of other brothers. One of them complained of a nagging headache. I laid hands on him, prayed, and the headache promptly left. This was my first miracle, albeit a "small" one after being baptized in the Holy Ghost. Since then I have had numerous healings, demons cast off, and three times brought the dead or dying back to life.

Neither Helen nor I take any "glory" for these things. All glory goes to Jesus, since it is His power alone that works through the Holy Spirit anointing upon us.

This is what Jesus desires for every believer, however, only a few have taken hold of it. It is available to you if you ask for it, desire it, and truly believe the Word for it. Jesus said (John 16:24) "...ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." He wants to give you that fullness of joy. Seek, ask, believe, receive.