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HOLY GHOST POWER

Jesus intensely taught His disciples just days before His crucifixion to prepare them for the work they were to do once He had ascended back to the Father in Heaven.

He said in John 14:12-13, ***“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. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do...”***. What works did Jesus do that you and I are to also do? He healed the sick, restored limbs, (body parts), cast out demons, raised the dead, etc.

Why do most Christians fail to do these things? Is it a lack of faith? Is it a lack of desire? Is it a lack of understanding or teaching? Certainly, all those matters may be factored in, but the first and most important thing is a lack of power in their life.

John 14:16-17 tells us that Jesus asked the Father to send us the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who is the Holy Ghost. The day Jesus ascended back to heaven he instructed the 400 observers in John 1:4-5 to go into Jerusalem and ***“wait for the promise of the Father”*** and they ***“shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost...”*** upon which (v. 8) ***“ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”***

Acts 2:1-4 records that event of the Holy Ghost falling upon them and filling them with power. Peter is an example of that Holy Ghost power. After preaching a sermon that same day of Pentecost, 3,000 people were saved. He and John then went to the temple and raised up a man who was born lame. The man had no functioning legs. Peter commanded him by the name of Jesus to rise up and walk. He was healed and was then able to walk, run, and leap.

The next day as Peter preached again, another 5,000 were saved. News spread throughout Jerusalem. The power of the Holy Ghost was so strong on Peter that people were bringing sick people into the streets of the city on makeshift beds. They had hope that Peter would walk past them and that even his shadow would fall on them and they would be healed. That is some power!

This Holy Ghost power is not just for the church ministers and elders, it is for every Spirit-filled believer. Have you been baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues (languages you never have known or learned)? If so, have you done these works Jesus said you could do? If not, why not? Re-read the above paragraph that asks, “Why do most Christians fail to do these things?” Examine yourself.

The first healing miracle that happened in my life came perhaps 3 or 4 days after being baptized in the Holy Ghost. Many more have followed. Jesus said that the works He did would follow believers. That includes all believers, not just a few of us. Do you really believe what He said is for you? He is waiting for you.