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Romans chapter one says in verse 1b, "unto the gospel of God..." [the father] vs. 3a "...concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord..." vs. 4a "...declared to be the Son of God [Father] with POWER, according to the spirit of holiness [the Holy Spirit] by the resurrection [power] from the dead."

This tells us that by Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he was given ALL POWER from the Holy Ghost by the Father. In Matthew 28:18b Jesus told his followers, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

In John 14:12, Jesus told us that we would do even greater works here on earth than he did. How could that happen? Simple. Step one is found in the next two verses about asking of the Father in Jesus' name.

Step two came at Pentecost when the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at his resurrection was poured out upon the believers as they were waiting upon this promise in the upper room. When they were immersed [baptized] in the Holy Spirit, they were given access to ALL of Jesus' power through his name. They had both the legal authority and all power in the Holy Ghost to do all the works of Jesus unto the glory of the Father.

Okay, when a person becomes born again, they received a measure of the Holy Spirit, but they will receive the power of the Holy Ghost to do miraculous works when they receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Unfortunately, many people say that they do not understand this and therefore do not desire to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some have been taught against it in their church, and some just decide that it isn't for them.

If a born-again believer chooses not to receive this wonderful endowment, they will be limited in what God can do to and through them. It does not mean they don't love God; they just haven't been taught all that God has for them.

In 1 Corinthians 12:31 the apostle Paul said to earnestly covet [seek] God's best gifts, but you must <u>desire</u> His best. If you truly desire to have the power in your life like Jesus had in his life through the anointing of the Holy Spirit baptism, He will surely give it to you.