

# **Sermon on Get Holy Spirit Baptized to be able to Exercise Jesus' Power**

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## **Text:**

**Mark 16:14-18** <sup>14</sup> Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

## **1 Introduction**

When you receive the Holy Spirit Baptism you are empowered do mighty exploits for the Lord. Our passage tells us the types of power you can exercise to overcome Satanic power. You can exercise this power because when you receive the Holy Spirit baptism you receive the power of God. We learn from the following Bible verse that Jesus is the Power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 "But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Let us explore how is it that you can exercise Jesus' Power to overcome the power of Satan.

## **2 Jesus' Power overcomes all power**

### **2.1 Jesus' Power is impregnable**

Jesus Power is impregnable. A cutlass may cut another cutlass. Ultimately there is one cutlass that cannot be cut. Even the strongest Heavyweight boxer eventually falls to another. But the power of God is at the top of the hierarchy of power in heaven and on earth. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 28:18, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Let's

look at two elements of the power God. First, in preparing to face the Ammonites, Meubites, and Moabites, Jehoshaphat's prayer tells us that the power of God cannot be withstood by anyone. Listen to his prayer in 2 Chronicles 20:6: "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you." Second, God speaking through Isaiah describes the effects of his power as irreversible. No one can undo any actions or results that his power has caused. Listen to the prophecy in Isaiah 43:13: "Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

## **2.2 Jesus demonstrated this power when he encountered the manifestation of Satan's power in the form of demonic possession and the Storm**

Jesus demonstrated this impregnable and irreversible power when he encountered the manifestation of Satan's power in the form of demonic possession and the Satanic inspired storm. Let's look at a few verses concerning this point:

Matthew 8:28-29 When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Luke 4:33-35 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are-- the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

In both episodes, the demons recognized the power and authority of Jesus over their power and over the power of their master, Satan. Let's look at the episode of the storm and Jesus.

Matthew 8:23-26 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

In this case Jesus exercised his authority over nature and over the demonic driven storm.

### **3 Holy Spirit Baptism endues you with Jesus' Power to overcome Satan's Power**

As a believer this power that Jesus exercised when he was on this earth can be yours. Jesus himself says so and even says that you can do more than he did when he walked this earth.

*But you may ask, how is it possible for you a mere believer to do mighty exploits just like Jesus did and do even more?*

It is because the Holy Spirit Baptism endues you with Jesus' Power.

*How do I arrive at this conclusion?*

#### **3.1 The Spirit of Jesus is the Holy Spirit**

Consider the following two verses:

**Acts 16:7** When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the **Spirit of Jesus** would not allow them to.

**Philippians 1:19** for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the **Spirit of Jesus** Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

We learn from these two verses that the Spirit of Jesus is the Holy Spirit. And since we have established that Jesus is the Power of God and that Jesus embodies the fullness of all power and authority in heaven and on earth therefore the Holy Spirit embodies all power and authority in heaven and on earth. If that is the case and the Holy Spirit not only indwells you but uses you also then you are being operated by the most powerful entity in heaven and on earth. That is why Jesus told the apostles: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you." It is not just any power but omnipotent power – all power and authority in heaven and earth.

#### **3.2 Jesus' Power is what you receive when you become Holy Spirit baptized**

Let me summarize the main points I have made so far. Jesus is the power of God. Jesus' Power is omnipotent. The spirit of Jesus is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in which you may be baptized therefore endues you with Jesus' power. When you exercise this Jesus' Power it as if Jesus himself is doing the job and hence your exercise of power is equal and can be even more than what Jesus did when he walked the earth. Not that you are more powerful than Jesus when he walked this earth but Jesus' Spirit continues to do his work through you. It is Jesus who is working in you using you as his earthly agent!

Another way of looking at it is that when you receive the Holy Spirit baptism you receive Jesus' power. This idea is what is beautifully expressed by a songwriter saying, "Jesus Power is Super Power." Yes, Jesus Power is super over all power and authority in heaven or on earth. This is the power you operate when you receive the Holy Spirit baptism.

So you need to seek the Holy Spirit baptism in order to be empowered to overcome the power of Satan.

### **3.3 Holy Spirit Baptism empowers you to do mighty exploits**

From what we have just said, therefore, Holy Spirit Baptism empowers you to do mighty exploits. That explains what Jesus said in Mark 16:17-18.

Mark 16:17-18 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name

- they will drive out demons;
- they will speak in new tongues;
- they will pick up snakes with their hands; and
- when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all;
- they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

All these actions demonstrate Jesus' Power overcoming the power of Satan. So, you need the Holy Spirit baptism in order to be able to exercise Jesus' Power to overcome Satan and his agents. And the good news is that Holy Spirit baptism is available to all believers. But you need to ask for it.

## **4 Ask with confidence for the promised and assured Holy Spirit Baptism**

### **4.1 You are entitled to receive the Holy Spirit Baptism**

You must ask for the Holy Spirit baptism with entitlement because you are entitled to receive the Holy Spirit Baptism. Jesus taught this entitlement in Luke 11 on prayer.

- Jesus taught the topical structure of prayer in verses 1-4.
- Then he taught the attitude required to receive answer to prayer in verses 5-8.
- Then he taught the principle for praying to receive answer to prayer in verses 9-10.

- Then he taught the availability of the Holy Spirit to all who ask with persistence in verse 11-13. This is your entitlement. It is yours for the asking.
- Then he demonstrated the application of the Holy Spirit power to cast out demons in verse 14.

## 4.2 Holy Spirit Baptism is a guaranteed promise

Not only are you entitled to receive the Holy Spirit Baptism but it is also a guaranteed promise. The following verses explain this guarantee:

1. **Joel 2:28** And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
2. **Matthew 3:11** I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
3. **Mark 16:17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;
4. **Acts 1:4-5** On one occasion, while he 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. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
5. **Acts 2:38-39** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."

## 5 Conclusion

Jesus is the power of God. Jesus' Power overcomes all power. Jesus' Power is impregnable. Jesus demonstrated this power when he encountered the manifestation of Satan's power in the form of demonic possession and the demonic inspired storm. Holy Spirit Baptism endues you with Jesus' Power to overcome Satan's power. The Spirit of Jesus is the Holy Spirit. Therefore, Jesus' Power is what you receive when you become Holy Spirit baptized. That is why Holy Spirit Baptism empowers you to do mighty exploits. Ask for the Holy Spirit baptism

because you are entitled to receive the Holy Spirit Baptism and the Holy Spirit Baptism is a guaranteed promise.

Come visit us this Friday or any other Friday from 7:30PM to 9:30PM when we hold our prayer sessions at 78 Webster Street. If you desire to receive the Holy Spirit baptism see one of our leaders when you come and we will assist you in prayers to receive this most important spiritual power.