

THE GOD I NEVER KNEW – 4 OF 6 The Power of the Holy Spirit

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⁴ On one occasion, while (Jesus) 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit..." But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

--Acts 1:4-5.8

HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU THE POWER

1. TO SHARE CHRIST BOLDLY.

⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

-- 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

2. WHEN YOU ARE WEAK.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

--Romans 8:26

⁹"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰... For when I am weak, then I am strong.

--2 Corinthians 12:9-10

3. TO HAVE HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD.

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

--Romans 15:13

4. TO EXPERIENCE ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

¹⁶ I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

--Ephesians 3:16-19