Greater Works Christian Church

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The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Part 2

Introduction: The greatest promise to the church is, "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you... (Acts 1:8)". This is the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. When we receive Holy Spirit we receive the Power of Holy Spirit, and so much more.

As we look at the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, we will grow in faith as we step out into the truths revealed.

Another Advocate - The Spirit of Truth

John 14:16-17

16 Then I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever – 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he resides with you and will be in you.

When Jesus ascended, He asked the Father to send Holy Spirit to us. In this translation Holy Spirit is called an Advocate.

Advocate (3875) parakletos

1) summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid (much like an attorney)

This word can be translated- intercessor, counselor, advocate, comforter. All these speak of the work of the Holy Spirit in our life. Holy Spirit is all these things and more.

v.17) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it does not see him or know him. But you know him, because he resides with you and will be in you.

The Baptism in the holy Spirit is for the believer in Christ only. We who have accepted and received salvation through Jesus Christ are now positioned to receive Holy Spirit. *Only those who are saved qualify for the gift of Holy Spirit (the Baptism in the Holy Spirit).*

Rivers of Living Water

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day of the feast, the greatest day, Jesus stood up and shouted out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and

38 let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, 'From within him will flow rivers of living water.'"

39 (Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The person who receives Holy Spirit will have the Spirit and His power flow from them like a River. Not just a River of Water, but a River of Living Water.

Living (2198) zao

- to enjoy real life
 - ⇒ to have true life and worthy of the name
 - ⇒ active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God

There is a Supernatural flow of Power and Life from the one that is Baptized in the Holy Spirit. The life of the Spirit flows from the heart of those filled with Holy Spirit. This is when miracles take place. This is when power is recognized and released. This is what empowers us to be world-changers.

Temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

In both passages we read that God (Holy Spirit) dwells in us. Not merely are we a house for Holy Spirit, but a Temple for Holy Spirit. We are Set Apart for a Holy purpose.

The Temple was the place people came to meet with God. Once filled with the Holy Spirit we become the meeting place between man and God.

In other words, when people are around you, they are to encounter the presence and power of Holy Spirit- the River of Living Water flowing from your heart.

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what mutual agreement does the temple of God have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, just as God said, "I will live in them and will walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

You (we) are the Temple of Holy Spirit:

- Holy Spirit Lives in you
- Holy Spirit walks among us
- Holy Spirit is God, our God
- We are His people because of the work of Holy Spirit

We are His (Holy Spirit) and He is ours. He has filled every believer who is Baptized in Him. Now His power is to flow through us to everyone around us.

In his book, Baptism in the Holy Spirit Kenneth Hagin writes:

"The New Testament gives us three relationships that God sustains towards man: (1.) God for us; (2.) God with us; (3.) God in us."

When we are full of Holy Spirit God is for us; he is with us, and He is in us.

Where God is there is power to change the world. Rivers of Living Water flow and Miracles take place where God is.

Our faith MUST grow in this. We MUST come to the full acceptance and understanding of this reality. GOD IS IN YOU!

Conclusion:

The Greater One is in You

1 John 4:4

You are from God, little children, and have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

God is Greater than anyone or anything. It is right to say, "God is not only greater, but the greatest!" All the power of creation resides in you when you are Baptized in the Holy Spirit, because the Creator is within you.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is not merely an event in the life of the believer. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is when all the power of God come to dwell in the believer in the person of Holy Spirit.