

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

POWER #5

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“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

(Acts 2:42–47, NLT)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AT THE CENTER OF MY LIFE.

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.” (John 14:16–17, NLT)

A. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be transformed by His presence.

“Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18, NLT)

B. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to love God’s Word.

“Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.” (John 14:21, NLT)

“When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.” (John 14:26, NLT)

“You haven’t received the spirit of slaves that leads you into fear again. Instead, you have received the spirit of God’s adopted children by which we call out, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” (Romans 8:15–16, GW)

C. To be filled with the Spirit is to have a grateful heart.

“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:20, NLT)

D. To be filled with the Spirit is to encourage one another.

“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.”
(Ephesians 5:18–19, NLT)

“We all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”
(Acts 2:11–13, NLT)

E. To be filled with the Spirit is to live confidently into your future.

“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.” (John 14:1–3, NLT)

“And so those whom God set apart, he called; and those he called, he put right with himself, and he shared his glory with them.” (Romans 8:30, GN)

“It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.”
(1 Corinthians 15:42–44, NLT)