

SERMON OUTLINE

(Pastor Jedio – April 14, 2024)

TOPIC: Holy Spirit Empowerment (effective witnesses for Jesus)

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:4-8

The Holy Spirit is the power-source (*Eph.1:18-19&3:20, Phil.2:13, Jn.14:16-17, Rms.8:11*)

Jesus was filled & empowered by the Holy Spirit (*Matt.3:16, Matt.12:28, Mrk.1:22*)

1st Point: The Holy Spirit _____ Christ-followers to be effective.

The disciples needed to wait for the empowerment ... **“Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.” (v.4)**

- Waiting on God means actively _____ Him, not being _____ (*Acts1:14&2:4, Jms4:8a*)
- Jesus assured this power would come and for their good (*Luke 24:49 & John 16:7*)

“When we have the HS we have all that is needed & all that God desires us to be.” (A.W.Tozer)

The Holy Spirit would provide power to be effective ... **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” (v.8a)**

- A.) _____ Speak (*Acts 4:31*) B.) _____ Others (*Rms.5:5*) C.) _____ Works (*Jn.14:12*)

To be effective: _____ God & _____ upon His power _____. (*Matt.19:26,Ps.34:10b,1Chron.6:11*)

“Every great movement of God can be traced back to a kneeling figure.” (D.L. Moody)

2nd Point: The Holy Spirit empowers us to be effective _____.

Initially the disciples misunderstood, **“Lord are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (v.6)**

- Gods Kingdom is about restoring _____ not _____ land (*Jn.18:36,Ezk.36:26-27,2Cor.5:19*)

“No matter who/what we are God restores us to Himself thru Jesus’ death.” (Oswald Chambers)

The Holy Spirit’s power will enable, **“and you will be my witnesses.” (v.8b)**

- The purpose of witnessing is to _____ Kingdom (*Matt.6:33a, Mrk.6:15, Lk.19:10*)
- One of the best ways to witness is to share _____. (*Ps.107:2, Mrk.5:19*)

“God made us and is able to empower to do whatever He calls us to do.” (Warren Wiersbe)

3rd Point: The Holy Spirit empowers the _____ of the Gospel.

Holy Spirit works in the individual: **“When the people heard, they were cut to the heart...” (Acts 2:37a) “He will convict the world to be in the wrong about sin.” (John 16:8)**

- It’s not our job to _____ but to share Gospel in _____. (*1Thes.2:8, Jn.13:34-35*)

Conviction: From God. Feel wrongness of sin but hopeful God will be merciful (*Ps.145:8*)

Condemnation: From Satan/attacks person. *“No condemnation in Christ Jesus” (Rms.8:1)*

_____: God is initiator/reconciler to draw people to Himself. (*Jn.6:44a, Eph.2:8-9*)