

## Empowerment of the Holy Spirit

- 1) **Boldly proclaim the gospel – Acts 1:8** – “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Do we share the gospel by evangelizing to those abroad, or with our families, our friends? Are we ashamed to proclaim His glorious name – Jesus? Are we baptized?
- 2) **Pray when we do not know how – Romans 8:26** – “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” When is the last time you prayed to the Holy Spirit? When was the last time you thanked the Holy Spirit for His guidance and wisdom received?
- 3) **Appreciate the mystery of the gospel – Ephesians 3:16-19** - (pray) ...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with the might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” Do you appreciate your faith? Do you really love Jesus? Do you know what it means to be a true Christian?
- 4) **Deny your flesh and live rightly - Romans 8:1-4 and Romans 8:10-11** – “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.  
And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
- 5) **Abound in hope and be filled with Joy and peace – Romans 15:13** – “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

If you are not seeing this type of empowerment in your life ask yourself –

- 1) Have I repented of my sins?
- 2) Have I been baptized in the name of Jesus?
- 3) Have I received or taken hold of the gift of the Holy Spirit?

If you have answered “no” follow Acts 2:38 and wait patiently for the Holy Spirit to manifest His power within your life.

If you answered “yes” to these questions, and you do not feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, then:

- 1) Pray the aforementioned scriptures to God
- 2) Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live for His kingdom
- 3) While waiting for Him, abide in Jesus and trust in Him as He prepares you to do His will.