

SPIRITUALLY POWERED**24/6/18**

Our salvation is merely the beginning of the blessings that God has revealed to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are called into much more than a one off experience. We are now powered up, to take some truly exciting steps. Many of life's disappointments and many spiritual weaknesses will vanish away very quickly when we get the spiritual basics right. Asking, seeking and knocking is a daily routine, not something we do to receive the Holy Spirit, nor hold in reserve for emergencies once filled with the spirit! It is almost impossible to come to terms with church life and spiritual happiness, if God's priorities are not our own.

The purpose of God's power is revealed. LUK 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath **anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19** To preach the **acceptable year of the Lord.** This scripture is not just about the calling of Jesus... it is a reference for all who are anointed by God's Spirit. We have been given the same power and mind as Christ. **1COR 2:16...** we have the **mind of Christ.** The next verse is the first directions given to spirit filled people.

MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. *Very serious indeed!!*

The pressure is on God, not you, to honour his promises that we promote. Scripture of God's guarantee... **MAR 16:20** And they went forth, and preached every where, the **Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.** Amen. Give God something to work with, he will respond in his own way.

It is expected that we will ask, seek and knock to exercise the gifts that are given us with the same enthusiasm, excitement and diligence that brought the Holy Spirit in the first place. Our time fellowshiping is not a time to question our personal abilities, but rather to maintain an attitude for growing and overcoming despite our abilities. Anything less can leave us in a negative and disappointed state of mind.

Simple, clear and unavoidable priorities... this is God's desire for you and me. 3JOH 1:2 Beloved, I wish **above all things** that thou mayest **prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.** God wants you have a good journey in life; which will be the result of a diligent and joyful spiritual life.

This is always what God expects from us. JAM 5:12 But **above** (and before) **all things**, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and *your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.* What are you doing about this? **If you want eternal life; then live like it.** God has empowered us to be open and honest. Our credibility is built through deeds rather than words.

1PET 4:8 And **above** (and before) **all things** have **fervent charity** (unceasing love) among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. What are you doing about this? Who are we encouraging... are we seeking, knocking and asking God to be used in this way?... because this is what God wants us to do.

The communion as we practice it is intended to keep our priorities the same as God's. 1COR 11:26 For as often as ye **eat this bread** (body of Christ), and **drink this cup** (New Covenant... we continually feed our minds on God's Spiritual priorities), ye do **shew** (preach) the Lord's death till he come. **27** Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink **this cup of the Lord** (walk in the Lord), **unworthily** (not having God's priorities), shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. **29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. *Going through the motions of taking the 'elements' without living the life, will prove to be disappointing and fatal if we aren't careful. It also damages the church and is an insult to what God stands for.* **30** For this **cause** (those who don't have the same priority as Christ) **many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31** For if we would judge ourselves, we **should not be judged.** The fact that we have the Holy Spirit proves that we are able to get results from God. It is now a daily process, despite our weaknesses and strengths. Remember, the 'elements' were symbolic of the original Passover: We have **Spiritual Power** now. **1COR 5:7...** **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:**

*Conclusion... False priorities lead to disappointment and lack of hope and spiritual death. There is no magic pill that can replace spiritual exercise, just as there is no replacement to training for any athlete. If we don't train, then we are unable to effectively compete... it's as simple as that (remember, we are competing against death). The Spirit came to us in signs, miracles and wonders because we continued diligently in our efforts to get God to respond to his promise. Now we have the spirit and have established God's credibility, it is vital that we maintain the same attitude, because we are **Spiritually powered** to do the Lord's work... without exception!*