

EMPOWER: ADOPTING THE LIFESTYLE

- Session 1 “GOD’S PLAN FOR POWER”
- Jesus’ dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit and His promise to bestow this same power upon His followers.
- Session 2 “STEP INTO THE STREAM”
- A full analysis of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and how to receive it.
- Session 3 “AN ALTERNATE LIFE-STYLE”
- A careful study of the early chapters of Acts to identify characteristics of the Spirit-filled life-style as demonstrated by the first company of believers.
- Session 4 “A FINANCIAL REVOLUTION”
- The obligations and exciting rewards of Christian stewardship as out lined in God’s Word
- Session 5 & 6 “HOW GOD SEES THE CHURCH”
- The exciting discovery of what the church really is. A discovery which could change the basic attitudes and priorities of one’s life.
- Session 7 & 8 ESSENTIAL FACTORS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH”
- Workshop sessions in which the initial disciplines so necessary for ongoing spiritual growth are demonstrated and encouraged.
- Session 9 “TRIAL BY FIRE”
- In the trail by fire the flame of God’s life is fanned within the believer as he is brought into maturity and holiness.

EMPOWER: Adopting the Lifestyle Weekly Assignments

Session 1

1. Complete Question Sheet, Session 1.

Session 2

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Session 3

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2. Read carefully “A New Attitude Towards Money.”
3. Write your “Letter of Testimony.”

Session 4

1. Complete Question Sheet, Session 4.
2. Complete the “Letter of Testimony”.

Session 5

1. Read carefully “Church—Ekklesia.”
2. Complete the Question sheet, Session 5.
3. Last call for all “Letters of Testimony.”

Session 6

1. Complete Question sheet, Session 6.

Session 7

1. Complete Question sheet, Session 7.
2. Read carefully “The Simplicity of Prayer.”

Session 8

1. Complete Question sheet, Session 8.
2. Feed yourself this week on John 15:1-8.

Session 9

1. Complete Question sheet, Session 9.
2. Feed yourself this week on II Corinthians 9:6-15 and I Peter 1:21-2:3.

Empower
Session 1

God's Plan for Power

Now we move into the "Empower" section of Full Life in Christ.

We want to lay some background for understanding how vital the birthday gift of the Holy Spirit which we introduced in the last session really is.

Read the opening two paragraphs in your notes.

Let's note the 3 different uses in the New Testament of the term "baptize".

- In each case, the subject is always the same ... the believer.
- But the agent and the element into which the baptism takes place are different.

There is the Baptism "by" the Holy Spirit

- In I Cor. 12, Paul says we are, "all baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit and we have been given the same Holy Spirit." This is when we are born again into God's family. We are immersed into the body of Christ.
- So, the agent, the one who does the baptism is the Holy Spirit
- The element into which we are baptized is Jesus.

Then there is Water Baptism

- The agent is the pastor or whoever the church authorizes to do the baptism.
- The element into which we are baptized is water.
- And this baptism signifies our identification in the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Acts 1:5
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The third usage is the Baptism “with” the Holy Spirit

- The agent is Christ.
- The element into which we are immersed is the Holy Spirit.
- This is a baptism into the Spirit's empowering for life, witness and ministry.
- This is a baptism different than water baptism

In Luke 3 we read that the people were wondering if John the Baptist was the Christ. John said, "No I baptize you with water, but one mightier than I am coming ... and he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

John said Jesus' baptism is greater than mine. I only baptize with water, but He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire."

On the bottom of the page we are reminded that Jesus never calls His followers to one thing that He hasn't already experienced Himself. He set the example.

- So we see Jesus going to John in the river to be baptized. As He received his water baptism, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. He was baptized in water and with the Holy Spirit. Now Jesus began his ministry.
- When John commented on this experience, he said, "I didn't know him, but he who sent me said that on whom you see the Holy Spirit descending and remaining on him, this is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."
- As John announced Jesus, He told the people that when Jesus comes, He will baptize, but His baptism will be with the Holy Spirit.

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His "Double Baptism"

- Jesus' baptism very important. It was a double baptism. Baptism in water and baptism with the Holy Spirit.
- The HOLY SPIRIT came down in the form of a dove and rested on Jesus.
- This brings us to a very important question ... Did Jesus have the Holy Spirit in Him before he was baptized, or was this the time the he received the Holy Spirit?

OF COURSE HE HAD THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HIM. HE WAS CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- Mary received the Child in her womb differently than any other woman in history. It wasn't through any man, but through the miraculous seed-planting work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was part of Jesus from the very start.
- In your notes it says, "... the Spirit was in Jesus from his birth, just as the Spirit is in every believer from the new birth." When we pray with someone to receive Jesus, we ask the Holy Spirit to witness to their hearts that they have been born again. The Holy Spirit becomes the agent of their new birth.
- But notice the second sentence in the paragraph, "Then, as the Spirit came "upon" Jesus in his baptism, so the Spirit will come "upon" every believer when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- This coming upon the believer by the Holy Spirit is not always at the same time as the new birth. In Jesus' case it was 30 years later. How do we know this? (see the next page)

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His growth and development as a normal man

We see that Jesus grew as a normal man. Not much in the bible about his early years.

- There was one different experience when at twelve years, He went to Jerusalem for the first time with his parents. He got so involved talking with the leaders in the temple that he missed the train going home.. donkey train. His parents looked for him, and their frantic search ended in the temple.
- That probably wasn't normal for a boy his age, but as far as the rest of his life was concerned, he learned how to be a carpenter, grew up with other children.
- There are some traditions, but not to be believed.
- In Matthew 13, it tells what happened in His own hometown of Nazareth shortly after He began His ministry. The people said, "how can this be? He's just a carpenter's son. We know His mother and brothers. They were angry and upset. Why is he putting on airs like this? He grew up in our midst. And so "he did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief."
- If Jesus had been all that different as a youngster growing up there, they would not have been so surprised. They would have expected it from Him. But since they didn't, it's evidence that Jesus was a normal young man. He was like his brethren in every sense (Hebrews 5:8), including learning obedience through suffering.

But now His ministry is launched

Jesus received the baptism of John to identify himself with the people and He received the baptism with the Holy Spirit to empower Him for His ministry.

- Jesus' double baptism was the **DIVIDING LINE** between the way his life was lived before and the way it was lived after.
- Immediately we see in Luke 4, that after His baptism, He was led by the Spirit into to the wilderness. After his experience in the wilderness, we are told that He returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee.
- These words had never been used before about Jesus. He was led by the spirit into the wilderness, he returned in the power of the spirit.

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His ministry is launched (continued)

He was different:

- He went back to his own town, and he read the scripture in the temple, "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor ... this is being fulfilled in your midst right now"
- In Capernaum, they were astonished at his teaching. Verse 36, they were amazed, because with authority and power he commands unclean spirits to come out.
- None of this had happened in Jesus' life until the dividing line, until he received the double baptism in water and in the Holy Spirit.

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His dependence upon the Holy Spirit

- As Jesus conducted His ministry, He insisted that He was totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit. He had to discover for Himself the Father's will. He spent whole nights in prayer to receive direction from the Holy Spirit.
- These verses highlight Jesus' dependence on the Holy Spirit
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- Jesus limited Himself to human flesh (read the paragraph at the bottom of the page).
Why?
 - He needed to understand our weakness, and take upon himself our humanity. (Not our sins, because he never sinned.) So He could be our substitute, He took our place. He lived the holy and perfect life that we could never live.
 - And then he died the death that we deserved to die.
 - In order to do this, he had to become like us.

Hebrews 2:17-18 ... "therefore in all things he had to be made like his brothers, so he could be a merciful and faithful high priest, for he himself had suffered being tempted, he is able to aid those being tempted."

In Hebrews 4:15, "for we do not have a high priest that cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are but without sin."

So while He was here on earth, Jesus actually laid aside for the time being all the manifestations of His Deity, and subjected Himself to the same human limitations that we have (except without sin) and lived His life among us empowered only by the Holy Spirit.

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In John 20, Jesus shared with his disciples that they would receive this same empowerment that he walked in. It would be his gift to them. Even as He Himself manifested the power of the Spirit working through His life, now He was going to give that same empowering to those who would be His followers.

After His resurrection, He found the disciples hidden in the upper room, afraid, desolate, wondering what they were going to do.

- Jesus appeared in their midst. Jesus said not to be afraid. Then he showed them his wounds. He commissioned them to go. Then He breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."
- Up to this time the Holy Spirit was given to people for special events - a battle was being fought, an artistic thing was being made, a portion of the scripture was to be written, a psalm was to be composed, and the Holy Spirit would anoint certain people to do the task.
- But the Holy Spirit didn't permanently reside in them. Now Jesus said, receive the Holy Spirit. From that night on, the Holy Spirit would reside in these disciples. They would be the first group of people who were born again by the power of God.
- But now, to these same people, Jesus said in Acts 1:5, "you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So not everything Jesus wanted them to receive was accomplished on that first night, because it was to these very people that Jesus promised they would soon be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

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Instructions to the Disciples

In Luke and Acts, we see the instruction of Jesus to the disciples. The instruction is clear. Luke 24:49 (read). "... stay here until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." Stay right there!

" He repeated these instruction in Act 1:3,8. Just think, His mission of salvation had now been accomplished and yet, despite how badly He had been treated, Jesus spent an additional 40 days here on this earth after His resurrection.

Acts I tells us why (read).

- First, He had to show himself to the people, so they would know that he really had risen.
- Second, He still had to impart to them important things concerning the kingdom. He reviewed what He had taught them previously, then added new things. He was ready to pass the baton on to the disciples.
- But, He told them they were not ready yet. (Read Acts 1:8) ... they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them.

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If He told them to wait, even after they had been with Jesus in the flesh for 3 years, had walked and talked with him, had witnessed His miracles, and even had done some miracles themselves, and yet He told them to wait because they needed more power, they needed to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, then what about us?

How can we think that we will be equipped to go out and serve Him, until we also have received what the disciples were promised, the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

Fulfillment to the Disciples

- Let's look at the fulfillment of His promise to the disciples. It took place in **JERUSALEM.**
- What happened? **THE HOLY SPIRIT FELL UPON THEM ACCOMPANIED BY A STRONG WIND AND TONGUES OF FIRE**
- Read Acts 2:2-4

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- What were the results?

- The first was **OVERFLOWING PRAISE**. (Acts 2:11)

As the disciples were experiencing the outpouring of the Spirit, they were so awed with God's presence that they just started lifting up worship to Him, and the Lord started to fill their mouths with praises to God in new tongues so that the people gathered in Jerusalem for the feast days heard the disciples praising God in their own languages.

- The second result is **BOLD PROCLAMATION**. (Acts 2:22-24;36)

When we saw the disciples before, they were so frightened that they hid themselves in an upper room with the door locked. Now, here they are in the temple, declaring with bold proclamation the works of God. Peter was their spokesman ... read Acts 2:22-24. Can you imagine such a change taking place? Where did their fear go? Where did their boldness come from? They had been baptized with the Holy Spirit.

- The 3rd result was **CONVICTION AND RESPONSE** in the hearts of the people. (Acts 2:37)

They said to Peter, "men and brothers, what should we do?" Jesus had said that the Holy Spirit would convict men of righteousness and judgment. So as they spoke with this empowerment, there was conviction in the hearts of the hearers.

So here are the results ... overflowing praise, bold proclamation, and conviction & response in the hearts of the people.

The significance of all that was taking place is this ... **JESUS IS THERE! THE OUTPOURING IS HERE!** as stated in Acts 2:33

- The resurrection was the pledge that God would fulfill what He had promised, and Pentecost was the confirmation.
- Jesus was headed for the power center of the universe. He had promised to baptize them with the Spirit when He got there. When they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, they knew that he had arrived. This was the agreed upon signal. So they declared, Jesus is there, because the Holy Spirit is here!
- Read the last paragraph on this page and the first paragraph on the next page.

The results?

(1) **Overflowing Praise**

And we all hear these men telling in our own languages about the mighty miracles of God! —Acts 2:11

(2) **Bold Proclamation**

“O men of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus of Nazareth by doing tremendous miracles through Him, as you well know. But God, following His prearranged plan, let you use the Roman government to nail Him to the cross and murder Him. Then God released Him from the horrors of death and brought Him back to life again, for death could not keep this man within its grip. Therefore I clearly state to everyone in Israel that God has made this Jesus you crucified to be the Lord, the Messiah!” — Acts 2:22-24, 36

(3) **Conviction and response**

These words of Peter moved them deeply and they said to him and to other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” —Acts 2:37

Its significance?

Jesus is there! - the outpouring is here

“And now exalted to the Right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.” —Acts 2:33 (NIV)

From this day on, Jesus’ followers never doubted for a moment that they could now walk out the promise Jesus had given. The lame were healed, the blind began to see, those who received Jesus as Lord were totally transformed, and a church was born which in one generation revolutionized the world.

Are you ready for an “Eye Opener” - **JOHN 14:12**

- Jesus made this promise to His disciples before He died, rose, or poured out His Spirit.
- Some scripture seems like too much to believe. This verse is like that.
- Because He categorically states that His followers would do the works that He did and even greater ones!
- Could this be true? How? But if Jesus said it, He always speaks the truth.
- the answer is wrapped up in the phrase, “Because I’m going to the Father.” It was the signal that he had given to the disciples ... when He returned to the Father, then the Holy Spirit would be poured out down here. The Spirit would enable them to do the same and greater things.

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AN “EYE-OPENER”

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(N.T. in the Language of Today, by Beck)

“Because I go to the Father”

The difference between the Holy Spirit’s ministry in Jesus’ life and that of individual believers is:

John 3:34

“Without measure or limit”

Those who believe Him discover that God is the ‘Fountain of Truth’. For this One sent by God—speaks God’s words, for God’s Spirit is upon Him without measure or limit.

I Cor. 12:7, 11 **“(The Holy Spirit) deciding which (Gifts or powers)**

each one of us should have.”

The Holy Spirit display’s God’s power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church...It is the same and only Holy Spirit Who gives all these gifts and powers, deciding which each one of us should have.

Not an individual “you” — but a collective “you.”

However, we do need to point out that there is one major difference between the Holy Spirit's ministry in Jesus' life and His ministry through the individual believer.

- John 3:34 tells us that the Holy Spirit was **WITHOUT MEASURE OR LIMIT** in the life of Jesus. For God's spirit was on Him without limit.
- But in I Cor. 12:7, the manifestations of the Spirit are given to each one of us for the profit of all, and the same Spirit gives all these gifts and powers, distributing to each one as He wills.
- So in our case **THE HOLY SPIRIT DECIDES WHICH GIFTS OR POWERS EACH ONE SHOULD HAVE.**
- The Holy Spirit was present and was exercising His power in the life of Jesus without measure. But in our lives, the Holy Spirit doesn't give every believer all the gifts and manifestations all of the time, but rather the Holy Spirit decides which gifts we need and when we need them "as He wills".
- The result is that all of us together each ministering our special gift in the Holy Spirit's power within the Body of Christ, will do the things that Christ did and even greater.

When Jesus promised in John 14:12 - "... if you believe in Me, you will do ...", Jesus was not saying an individual you, but rather a collective you.

- As you together express my love here on earth, together you will do greater things.
- If Jesus had given every one all of the manifestations to the same degree that He had, just think of the anarchy and pride we would face.
- Some of us are too prideful now. What would happen if we were each a "little Jesus"?
- No, Jesus' plan was to put a new body on this earth. It would be one body made up of many members, and then through that body He would continue to do all the things and even greater things. He wanted us to become one body in Him, depending on one another and the Holy Spirit. And then the Holy Spirit would work through that body to minister as Jesus did.

That's why He said you are going to take My message to all the world, and display My kingdom, but first you must receive the Holy Spirit. Then you can go and do it.

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**F.L.C. — EMPOWER: Adopting the Life-style
Question Sheet, Session 1**

Name: _____

(Read Matthew 3:11-17 and Luke 4:1, 14)

1. What two baptisms did Jesus have in Matthew 3:16?

2. Why didn't Jesus perform any miracles and wonders, or give any great teachings, or appear different than any other man until after He met John at the Jordan River?

3. Compare Matthew 3:11 and Acts 1:5
Who is speaking in Matthew 3:11? _____
Who is speaking in Acts 1:5? _____
What is the promise they are both speaking about? _____
Who will give this promised gift to them? _____

(Read Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-5 and 8)

4. What definite command does Jesus give His disciples just before He goes back to Heaven?
(Acts 1:4)

5. What is the gift He promised to give them? Luke 24:49

6. Why were the disciples to wait right where they were for the gift of the Holy Spirit before they could be Jesus' witnesses to all the world?

7. What do you think would have happened if they didn't wait before starting out to witness to the world?

over please –

**F.L.C. — EMPOWER: Adopting the Life Style
Question Sheet, Session 1, page 2**

(Read carefully Acts 2:1-21 and 37-39)

Pretend that you are one of the 120 followers of Jesus on the day these verses describe. After reading these verses, write a story about what you think would have happened to you if you had been there.

As you write the story, ask yourself these questions:

- What were my circumstances there in Jerusalem that day?
- What did I see and hear?
- How did I feel?
- Was I happy? Why?
- What all happened to me?

FULL LIFE IN CHRIST, Group Facilitator Suggestions

EMPOWER: Adopting the Lifestyle, Session I

FIRST

Go over the group's responses to the questions on the last study sheet (#6) from the ESTABLISH segment.

THEN

Spend some time trying to make sure they understand the relationship between the ministry of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life and the Spirit's ministry in our lives today. The following questions should probably be discussed.

1. Jesus had the Holy Spirit "in" Him from His birth but not "upon" Him until His Baptism. What parallels are there with the relationship of the Holy Spirit in our lives today? How is this similar to the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives today?
2. Why do you think the Father chose to make Jesus dependent upon the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit just as we are?

Facilitator's note — in this discussion you might refer to such scriptures as:

Phil. 2:5-11
Heb. 2:17-18
Heb 4:15
Heb. 5:7-9

3. Look up John 14:12 together. Do you believe Jesus actually means what he seems to be saying? How could this be possible?
4. What difference do you see in John 3:34 and in I Cor. 12:7-11 between the Holy Spirit's presence in Jesus' life and the Spirit's activity in the life of the individual members of Christ's body today?

FINALLY

Deal with any other questions that the group members may have. Remember, of course, that further teaching on how we perceive the baptism with the Holy Spirit will be given next week.

FOR NEXT WEEK

Complete the study questions for Session 1. Point out that the final question is on the back of the page.