

Holy Ghost

Mission Possible

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SERMON DESCRIPTION

It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are anointed to do the great works of God.

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. What do they need to know?
 - The Holy Spirit is the one that anoints us to accomplish great works in Christ. Nothing can be done without Christ and His power.
2. Why do they need to know it?
 - Jesus said, "Without me you can do nothing".
3. How should we apply it?
 - Go deeper in Christ and stir up the gift of God within you.

OPENING LINE

Holy Spirit is not only our baptizer, our leader, the one that fills us with the substance of God, but he is also our anointer, the one who sets us apart.

INTRODUCTION

Weekly Messages

Week one: The Lord is my baptizer – Holy Ghost and fire

Week two: The Lord is my substance and fills me

Week three: Course correction – the Lord is my leader

Week four: The Lord is anointer

CENTRAL TRUTH

Holy Spirit is my anointer!

- He anoints me with POWER
- HE EMPOWERS me with PURPOSE
- HE ARMS me with TRUTH
- He sends me with precision.

MAIN PASSAGES

Acts 10:38

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 8:9-23

⁹ But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, ¹⁰ to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." ¹¹ And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. ¹³ Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰ But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

²¹ You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

²² Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

MAIN POINTS

John 16:12-15

¹² "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me.

¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

1. Holy Spirit is my anointer!

- a. To be **anointed** means to be set apart for specific use and purpose—literally means to smear
 - Holy Spirit sets His people apart for purpose and assignment for example:
 - Separate unto me Paul and Barnabas

2. He **anoints** me with **POWER**

- a. Every believer that receives Holy Spirit and His baptism is promised power
 - **POWER** - Dunamis – dynamite power, this means that we have explosive Holy Spirit power
 - Gifts – stir up the gifts.
- b. Signs and wonders follow those that believe.

3. HE EMPOWERS me with PURPOSE - CAUSE

- a. Jesus said, "For this cause I have come into the world". What is your cause?
- b. Phillip's cause, which was to preach Christ and spread the good news of the Kingdom of God, was the message of salvation.
- c. Peter and John, their cause was to transfer the anointing in the Spirit of Pentecost to every and all believers

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

4. HE ARMS me with TRUTH

- a. The believer is armed with truth because Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth. We do not have opinions or suggestions we have been provided with the responsibility of declaring and demonstrating the truth.
 - Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth
 - Truth and grace came into the world through Jesus Christ
 - "Your word is truth" – Psalms.

5. He sends me with precision (Apostolic)

- a. Philip was sent with a precise assignment to preach Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit evidenced the message by saving people and healing them
- b. Living life according to script
- c. Jesus – "I live according to the Father"
- d. The Father has sent me, I send you

John 20:21-22

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

6. Simon the sorcerer:

- a. He was poisoned with bitter envy and bound by sin iniquity
- b. He was motivated by pride
- c. He loved to tell the people that he was something
- d. He operated by the counterfeit power of witchcraft
 - Samuel said to Saul that to obey is better than sacrifice:

1Samuel 15:22-23

²² So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

- e. He was carnal and fleshly even though he had become a believer in Christ
- The scripture, in the case of the natural man, receives not the things of the Spirit
 - This indicates that people can be Christians and yet not be people of the Spirit and therefore may not operate in the mind of Christ.

John 20:23

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Quote: "A sorcerer is one who deceives, manipulates, and delights, to control others and does so by demonic enablement". ~Jack Hayford

ALLIANCE TO THE WRONG THINGS SPIRITUALLY

1. Some common unholy alliances

- Unholy alliance with deceit (Ephesians 4:25)
- Sadly, enormous numbers of believers have developed a comfortable relationship with lying. In fact, for many Christians, lying has become a lifestyle.

2. Unholy alliance with anger (Ephesians 4:26-27)

- There is a time and a place for anger, but when you let anger at another person fester and linger, you are giving place to the devil.
- One of the surest ways to give the devil an opportunity in your life is to let hurt or anger turn into bitterness (Ephesians 4:31; Hebrews 12:15).

3. Unholy alliance with stealing (Ephesians 4:28)

- Do you ever goof off on your job? Do you permit your employer to pay you for time you do not work? What other examples can you think of where believers steal?
- Millions of Christian today are guilty of the worst kind of thievery of all – stealing from God Himself through tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:8-9).

4. Unholy alliance with corrupt communication (Ephesians 4:29-30)

- Corrupt communication is not just talking about using curse words or foul language. Corrupt communication is any speech that is worthless or counter to the Word of God. (Matthew 12:36)
- If you are murmuring, complaining, criticizing, or talking about your problems, your communication is corrupt and according to the Ephesians 4:29-30 you are in danger of grieving the Holy Ghost.

STICKY STATEMENTS

God's forgiveness comes at an incredible price. The sacrifice of Jesus was not cheap!

QUOTES

"We might not all be Apostles, but we are all sent".

"To be anointed means to be set apart for God".

"Covid revealed that the church is lacking in power".

"Power follows the Gospel".

"The Lord backs up the truth with power".

"Don't aimlessly go through life. Find out your cause".

"The script for your life is precise".

"God has given us power because He has given us a purpose".

THE CALL TO ACTION

- Go deeper in Holy Spirit
- Go forward daily
- Stir up the gifts of the Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Explain why Jesus needed to be anointed by the Holy Spirit if He is God and divine.
2. Discuss the unholy alliances that are listed in these notes. Are there any others you would add? What Scriptures would you apply to them?
3. In what other ways are we armed with truth?
4. Dive deeper into the Scripture and into what the Prophet Samuel said to King Saul. Consider these statements:
 - a. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft
 - b. Stubbornness is as bad as worshipping idols
 - c. Is there a fine line between determination and stubbornness? When does one crossover from one into the other?
5. What does it mean to be Apostolic? What does Jesus mean when He said, "As the Father sends Me, I also send you into the world?"
6. Describe how Jesus lived the life of precision? How do you live the life that was scripted for Him by the Father?
7. What is the anointing? How does Holy Spirit anoint us?
8. Describe the anointing oil and their ingredients? How did God instruct Moses to make the anointing oil? Why did it have to be so precise?