



Part Three: Why Do I Need to Be Baptized in the Holy Spirit? Acts 1:4-5

* There is a purpose and a reason why every believer needs to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:6-8; Luke 24:49

We are called to be witnesses

- * Witnesses are needed in order to bring in the harvest.
- * “witness” – an eye or ear witness
- * Every child of God is an eyewitness of the saving power of Jesus Christ!
- * The baptism in the Holy Spirit is to equip us to be witnesses so that we can effectively lead people to Christ.

Power to be witnesses

- “power” (dunamis) – ability to perform; power through God’s ability; mighty power of God; explosive power; this word was used to describe the force of an entire army

1. Power to Be!

- * One of the ways we testify as a witness is by living a godly life.
- * Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit is an experience that brings a deeper relationship with God.
- * The Holy Spirit empowers us to be the man or woman of God that He calls us to be.

2. Power to proclaim!

- * One of the ways we testify as a witness is by the words we speak.

Mark 16:15

- * Every believer has the responsibility to proclaim the gospel.

Romans 1:15-16

- * We need the empowering of the Holy Spirit to enable us to declare the gospel with great boldness.

Acts 4:29; I Corinthians 2:4-5

3. Power to demonstrate!

* One of the ways we testify as a witness is by demonstrating the power of God.

Mark 16:15-18

* People need to not only hear about God but they need to encounter Him!

* Many will believe when they see the power of God demonstrated.

John 2:23; Romans 15:18-19

* The baptism in the Holy Spirit is the gateway to the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion:

* We need to be empowered if we are going to be equipped to bring in the harvest of souls that God desires for us to bring in.