



- \* 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.