

Powerful Benefits of Daily Communion With Holy Spirit

I enjoy spending time with the Holy Spirit, and I hope that you do, too. He is mentioned throughout Scripture since the creation account (Gen. 1:1-2).

Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit is to teach us about Him (John 14:26) and will lead us into all truth (John 16:13). The wonderful Holy Spirit will conform our character to be more like Jesus (2 Cor 3:18), and He will pray through us (Rom. 8:26).

The Holy Spirit also empowers us to tell others about Jesus. Acts 1:8 says, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The power of the Holy Spirit referred to here as power for miracles, signs and wonders in preaching and sharing the gospel message. And that power is for everyone who believes as Acts 2:39 says, "For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call." The power He gives us is to tell others about Him.

After I was baptized with the Holy Spirit, I had a boldness I had never had before to share God's love with everyone. Within weeks, I was preaching in villages in India, seeing people respond to the gospel message. They were spiritually hungry, desperate for healing and love. It was incredible as the missionary team I was with would be used of God in power in a country which is only 2 or 3 percent Christian according to the Joshua Project.

When we minister in power, we must understand it is not our strength or ability, but it is His through us. And His power

flows through us, continually forming our character to be more like Him, seeing Him heal and perform miracles. He does the work and ministry, and we have the incredible opportunity to be the vessel He uses.

A few years back I was in Honduras with a crusade team, and I had the honor of praying over a young girl who had a deformed hand. As I prayed, in Jesus' name, her hand straightened out in my hand. This was the power of God! He did the work and I knew I was just one of the witnesses.

His power should amaze us every time we see it. We should never take His power and presence for granted even if it is commonplace in our lives or churches. But more importantly, His power should be on display through us leading people to His love and grace. It should flow out from our homes and work places, into the streets and to all nations.

Each of us should do everything we can to make sure that we point to Him as He moves through us. {eoa}

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