

Enduement With Power

by David Shelby Corlett

The sermon emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit's empowerment in transforming believers from weakness to confidence and enabling them to accomplish God's work.

Scripture: Zechariah 4:6, John 7:38, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 2:4, Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 3:16, Philippians 4:13, 2 Timothy 1:7

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Description

David Shelby Corlett preaches about the enduement of power that comes with baptism, emphasizing that this power is sourced from the Holy Spirit Himself. This power allows believers to be transformed from weak and hesitant individuals into bold and confident children of God, enabling them to trust in the Spirit's ability to work through them. The secret to spiritual power lies in the union of the Holy Ghost with the purified faculties of the human soul, leading to an utter abandonment to and cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

Transcript

Another result of this baptism is the enduement with power. Jesus promised His disciples, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:8 R.V.) He had commanded them to tarry until they were endued -- literally, clothed upon -- with power from on high. And what is the source of this power? The Holy Spirit himself. Since the entire life is brought into harmony with God, since the inner struggle with the flesh is removed, God now finds an open channel through which to pour His power. It is not so much the fact that power is resident with us, but rather that God now has an open channel through which to flow to others.

To be sure the life of man is energized by the Spirit dwelling in His fullness, his perceptions are quickened, his mind is capable of receiving the deeper spiritual things; but the enduement of power does not find its end in the Spirit-filled individual, it finds its channel there. "The baptism with the Spirit transforms us from being weak and hesitating and questioning believers into bold, confident, and conquering children of God." -- Calkins. The child of God is powerful because he has transferred his confidence from self to God; because he is no longer defeated by the consciousness of his own weakness, but rather he trusts in the power and ability of the indwelling Spirit to accomplish the results.

His center of life is transferred from what he thinks he can or cannot do, to what he has confidence the Holy Spirit may do through him. "The secret of spiritual power consists in the union of the Holy Ghost with

the purified faculties and natural energies of the human soul, and, on the human side, it consists in the utter abandonment of the soul to, and a hearty co-operation with, the Holy Spirit ... It is true that heart purity is power in the creature sense of power, but it is not the power of the Holy Ghost in the Scripture sense of it.

Jesus is our example, and we read that He received in addition to His pure humanity the power of the Holy Ghost, and that it was 'through the eternal Spirit he offered himself without spot to God,' and that it was 'through the Holy Ghost he gave commandments unto the apostles.' ... Now, if Jesus needed the Holy Ghost united with His holy creature nature in order to give Him the peculiar secret of power in His mission, and if He our example, how much more do we need that we should have our sanctified hearts and mental faculties in vital union with the Holy Spirit, that by that union we may do the work of God?"

-- G. D. Watson

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