

Monthly Theme: Pursing the Power of God
Today's Title: You Can Receive His Power
Acts 1.8, Luke 11.9-13, Luke 10:19

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Next week: Walking in the Power of God

REVIEW: God's Power Unleashed

1. The power of God has been made available
Dunamis – strength, ability, power
Exousia – authority or the right or permission

2. The power of God is given for God's glory
- God is glorified when we witness the good news to others
 - God is glorified when prayers are answered
 - God is glorified when we walk in authority

3. The power of God is worth our pursuit

Intro: The power of God has been made available to us if we but ask and have faith to receive His power. This worthy pursuit is the key to glorifying God in the lives we live. To pursue the power of God has a beginning point but really has no end. We will spend our lives, our eternal existence wanting more of Him. For the genuine pursuit of power is in essence a pursuit of the God we love.

1. Power comes to us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1.8

- We first come in contact with the Holy Spirit as sinners [Jn.16.8](#)
- He dwells in us when we give our hearts to Jesus [Ro. 8.9](#)

The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit - [John 14:17](#)

7 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him. NASU

- We receive full power after we're born again. [Eph 5:17-18](#)
18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. NLT

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2. The Holy Spirit abides and guides when we ask [Lk. 11.13](#)

- Receiving – He gives power to those who believe
- Obeying – He gives power when we're committed to obey

Acts 5:32

32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." NASU

- Asking – He gives power when we ask for it

Asking of Him is the key to receiving from Him.

3. The power that resides in us gives us authority and ability.

AUTHORITY + ABILITY = POWER

They had received Jesus in their lives but needed His authority and ability in order to destroy the kingdom of darkness. The H.S. was the key to this process.

- The first Christians received this power [Acts 2](#)

The power of God changed them from frightened believers into fearless Christians!

- The first Christians were renewed in power [Acts 4.31](#)

The power of God was renewed as they prayed!

- The first Gentiles received this wonderful power [Acts 10.44-46](#)

The power was not just for one group of people but to as many as received Him!

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. NASU

BISHOPTALK

- Prayer for Greg Underwood in his quest for Norfolk's Commonwealth Attorney.
1. All Church – Really need you to be here on Wednesday. We have guests from the temple and I'm always a little nervous. Please be kind and respect the fact that they do not believe that Jesus is the Messiah. Let our love, not our words be the witness of Jesus. BE HERE.
 2. Marriage Retreat – while you can wait and register on Saturday I would prefer that you do this in advance just to keep lines down and give you time to relax. Asking all married folks to be in attendance.
 3. Deitra Pemberton – leaving to attend UNC Greensboro for the next two to three years. She has been here with us since the first month we were in existence. Thank God she plans to come back and continue her ministry here when she completes her training. She will continue to come back to train in follow up as she prepares to become a licensed minister in CRC.