

The Power Source of the Kingdom **Acts 2, Col. 1.9-14, Rom 14:17-19**

17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

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REVIEW: Transitioning into the Kingdom II

Col 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin. (NASU)

Become effective in the transportation system of the kingdom Mk. 11.22

Every believer is given the “measure” of faith which I tend to believe is an equal amount. My belief is that when you find someone who has greater faith, they have done the things needed to increase in faith.

1. Receive the Word. Rom 10:14-17
2. Exercise your faith. 2 Cor 5:6-7

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) KJV

- Faith grows as you become proficient in God’s word. John 8.31, 32

Most kingdom citizens are ignorant of kingdom laws and principles making it virtually impossible to prosper in the new kingdom. Continuing in the Word!

- Faith is a process and your fruitfulness will also be a process!

While the text could mean different people have different levels of fruitfulness it also reminds me that each of us have different levels of fruitfulness at different times of our lives. This is the growth or transition into the kingdom of light!

- Resist pride and arrogance. 1 Peter 5:6-7

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6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

1. The temptation is to somehow think that we did it.
2. The challenge is to remember that it was the Lord that brought us out! Deut. 8.11

Intro: Faith is the transportation system and love is the language of the kingdom. But how does the transportation system run? What is its source of power? Faith gets you on it but what keeps it running, moving?

I submit to you that the Holy Spirit is the power source of the kingdom. The Spirit of Christ came after Jesus returned to the Father in order to empower the kingdom.

There are two sides of the power given to us. There is God's authority or right to use the power and there is God's ability or what it takes to get the job done.

They are illustrated in the use of two Greek words that are both often translated-power.

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Acts 1:8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

1. Every believer has the Holy Spirit inside. Rom 8:9

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

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- Release the power of the Spirit thru prayer and worship Eph 5:18-19

but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

- Request to be “filled” with the Holy Spirit

Desire to come under the control of the Spirit...

Plans you have don't come to pass, things not under your control, temper,

- Receive the power of the Holy Spirit! Acts 1.8

2. Nothing works in the kingdom until you turn the power on!

- You need power to pray. Ro. 8.28

Pray when you don't know what to pray or how to pray

- You need power to witness. Acts 1.8

He transforms you into an eyewitness

- You need power to understand God's word John 16.13
13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."

3. Receiving the “full measure” of the Holy Spirit!

- Saved John 14.16,17
- Obedient Acts 5. 32
- Thirsty John 7.37-39
- Asking Lk. 11.13

What can you expect? You can expect to receive divine authority and ability!!

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