# THE PERSON

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On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:4-8 NIV



# The Baptizer



The fruit of the Spirit enables us to reflect the character of God.

The power of the Spirit enables us to effectively serve God.



## Jesus Emphasized the Necessity of Power

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."

Acts 1:4



"How little power average Christians have... The life giving power must be in us, or we shall not see dead sinners come to life through our words."

-F. B Mayer



"What a tide of lamentation and mourning reaches us all around the land as to the deadness, coldness, and dearth of Christian churches! We cannot help feeling that there is a great want somewhere!" -Catherine Booth



"Where is the mystery and the marvel of the Spirit possessed church? Where is the mystery and the marvel of the transformed disciple? Where is the mystery and the marvel of dynamic Christianity? Where is the mystery and the marvel of the miraculous in the church of today? No longer do we find the crowds greatly wondering. No longer do we find the crowds greatly perplexed. No longer do we hear the cry of awakened, disturbed multitudes. No longer do we see the Spirit of God fall upon our congregations."

-James Stewart



"If in our pursuit of greater knowledge God seems to have gotten smaller, we have been deceived."
-Beth Moore



Our thinking and understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit should be rooted in two great acts of God:

- Faith in God through Creation
- Faith in God through the Resurrection



### Faith in God through Creation:

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3



### Faith in God through the Resurrection:

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Romans 8:11



### The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a second work of grace where God gives us a new endowment of power.



#### Vision: "You WILL..."

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8



#### Transformation: You will "BE"

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8



## Personal Testimony: "My WITNESSES"

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be <u>my witnesses</u> in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

