

Acts 1:8: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

### YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8 Lesson #1  
Lesson Text: Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:1-14; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 4:1-11 2008

After being baptized, Jesus went up straightway out of the water. Praying, the heavens were opened unto him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him. Then, a voice from heaven said this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 3:21-22).

In order to enter into and complete his ministry on earth, Jesus would have to be absolutely sure that he was full of the Spirit (Luke 4:1; John 3:34) and God was his father (Matthew 3:17; Luke 3:22; Luke 2:49). This was the reason for the forty days of testing in the wilderness. Although he was full of the Spirit (Luke 4:1), Jesus does not receive power until after he returns (Luke 4:14). Most believers who have been filled with the Spirit (the baptism), do not receive power because they never become sure about the above facts. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)

#### I. Three Things To Be Sure Of.

##### A. Repent.

1. We have sinned. This is the first principle of true repentance. Jud. 10:15; Rom. 3:23-24; Luk. 13:3; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19  
On all occasions confession of sin was required and made before baptism in water. Mat. 3:2; Mat. 4:17; Mat 10:7-10; Mar. 6:7-13
2. This was the message of John, of Jesus, of the apostles, and of the gospel preachers following them.
3. Although he knew no sin, Jesus came along with the rest of the people who were confessing their sins. Mat. 3:15; Joh. 1:31; Joh. 3:26; I Pet. 3:21

##### B. Water Baptism.

1. Regardless of the mode, whether in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost or in the name of Jesus, water baptism is always unto repentance.
2. Christ submitted to baptism as an example for us to follow.

##### C. Be Filled With The Holy Ghost.

1. Two things Jesus had to rely on.
  - a. The Spirit of God descended in the form of a dove.
  - b. A voice from heaven claiming Jesus as his own son. Joh. 3:25-26
2. They saw the dove and heard the voice. The Jews knew about the events. Acts 2:3
3. Tongues of fire were seen. Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46
4. Speaking in tongues is the only sign for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many believers doubt this from time to time.

#### II. Jesus Is Tested.

##### A. The First Two Temptations Are An Obvious Attempt on The Part of Satan To Make Jesus Doubt He Was Filled With The Spirit and Was God's Son. (The dove and the voice).

Mat. 4:1-11; Luk. 4:1-13

##### B. In Each Instance Where Jesus Performed A Miracle With Bread He Does Not Command, But Looks Up To Heaven and Prayed and Gave Thanks.

Mat. 14:15-21; Mar. 6:38-41; Luk. 9:12-17; Joh. 6:5-13; Mat. 15:32-38; Mar. 8:1-9

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- III. Moses' Success and Failure. Exo. 15:23-25; Exo. 17:5-6;  
 A. Miracles. Num. 20:7-11
1. The First Miracle. Moses prays, the water at Marah was made sweet.
  2. The second time. Moses followed the instructions of the Lord.
  3. The third time Moses does not follow completely the orders of the Lord. Num. 20:12
  4. Still, the Lord made the rock bring forth water but Moses was penalized.
  5. The tendency to be self-willed must be denied before one receives the power of the Holy Ghost. Luk. 4:14
- B. Jesus Returned in The Power of The Spirit. Luk. 3:22; Luk. 4:1  
 Luk. 4:14
1. Jesus received the Spirit and is full of it.
  2. He does not do the works of God until after his return from the temptation. Acts 10:38; Luk. 24:49; Acts 1:8
  3. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost; and later with power.
- IV. Common Deterrence For Not Receiving Power
- A. Leave The Principles. Cease To Remain Babes. Heb. 6:1
  - B. Not Tearing Down and Rebuilding The First Works Over Again. This Means Repent Again and Again for The Same Thing. Rev. 2:5
  - C. Not Sure About The Sign of The Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44-46;
  - D. Jesus Himself Saw The Dove (this is how he knew he was filled) and Heard The Voice (how he knew he was God's son). Acts 19:1-7; Luk. 3:22
- V. The Spirit of Adoption Rom. 8
- A. Be Led By The Spirit and Not By The Flesh. Rom. 8:14
  - B. Believe You Have Received The Spirit of Adoption. (You must receive the sign). Rom 8:15
  - C. You Will Also Know Intuitively. Rom. 8:16
  - D. Doubt and Uncertainty Is A Common Cause For Failure. Isa. 42:4; II Pet. 1:10