The Age of Spiritual Power

Holy Ghost Power to the Nations

*Acts 1:1—The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*

*2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

*3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

*4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

*5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*

*7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

*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.*

*9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

*10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

*11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

*12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*

Acts 2:1*—And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

*3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

*4 And* ***they were all filled with the Holy Ghost****, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

*6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*

*7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?*

*8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

*9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,*

*10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,*

*11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

*12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?*

*13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

*14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*

*15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*

*16 But* ***this is that*** *which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

*17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*

This is the age of Spiritual Power and Anointing to operate in the Fullness of the Spirit.

*4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

1. The Promise of the Father
2. The Possession of the Son of God

Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

1. The Holy Ghost came in fullness of Power
2. The disciples received the earnest of their inheritance on the day of Pentecost as the Holy Ghost descended as of a mighty rushing Wind, power unleashed, power sent and power brought, power given.
   1. They have seen the Father in types and shadows
   2. They have seen the son of God born in the flesh
   3. They now hear and see the Holy Ghost.
      1. *“a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind”*
      2. *“there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them”*
3. The disciples received great Power and great Grace

Acts 4:32—*And* ***the multitude*** *of them that* ***believed*** *were of* ***one heart and of one soul****: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.*

*33 And with* ***great power*** *gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and* ***great grace*** *was upon them all.*

The **Importance** and the **Interest** of the Holy Ghost Power operating in our lives

2Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The process of Calvary brought about what took place in the upper room

The Power of the Holy Ghost should succeed the experience of Salvation

1. The disciples were tested against the Spiritual Power of the Holy Ghost in their life.
   1. Power and Grace to witness

4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

* 1. Power and Grace to see men saved

Acts 2:37—*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

*38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

*39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

*40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

*41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about* ***three thousand souls****.*

4:4—*Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.*

13:44*—And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.*

45*—But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.*

14:1—*And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.*  *4—But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.*

* 1. Power and Grace against Persecution, opposition and men blaspheming

18:5—*And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.*

*6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.*

* 1. Power and Grace for healing

Acts 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

* 1. Power and Grace for Preaching
  2. Power and Grace for Imparting Spiritual gifts

1. Holy Ghost filled, empowered to witness Power to the nations
   1. The vessel of Power, Instrument of Power, Symbol of Power.
   2. The vessel of Grace, Instrument of Grace, Symbol of Grace.

Ro 15:13 ¶ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.