# **“The Holy Spirit and Being Filled” – Bootcamp for Mission #1**

**15th September 2024**

**John 14:10-21, 25-26 (& Acts 4:23-31 @ 9am)**

INTRO TO BOOT CAMP FOR MISSION

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Jesus preparing his disciples for his death

As a parent – powerful – me training up my son in effect to replace me

Not morbid – but my job as a father

Training him up to take his place as an adult.

What would you think if my son – if I showed you how to mow the lawn but didn’t leave you my lawn mower

How to carve a leg of lamb – no knife

Shoot a deer – but no gun

So it makes sense for Jesus to leave his disciples with the power to build the church

On the shoulders of these poorly educated men rests the future of the church that will become so awesome that not even the gates of hell.

So what is this incredible power

Jesus says to them in Acts 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you ... Acts 1:8*

So we know precisely what this power is – the Holy Spirit

In our reading Jesus says:

Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work

How does “the Father living in me” work?

It is because the Father can live in him – and us – by the Holy Spirit

And he reassures them that they will have everything they’ll need to continue his work:

**12**Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father

So to recap: What Jesus does, He does by the authority of the Father who is in him by His Holy Spirit

And whoever believes in Jesus will not only do the works he has been doing,

But they will do even greater things.

So who is the Holy Spirit?

The third person of God, the Holy Trinity.

The Nicene Creed says:

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,*

*who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.*

Later in our passage – v17 Jesus describes the Holy Spirit and the spirit of truth.

With deep pragmatism he explains that ***The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him***.

And this is an issue for many today.

You are expected to believe in some sort of supernatural power!

Later Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as an advocate – that is someone who speaks up on our behalf.

Also as a teacher who will teach them everything and remind them of everything Jesus has said to them.

So we see that the Holy Spirit is

3rd person

He’s has the authority of the Father

He is truth

He’s an advocate

And a teacher

In summary He is everything we need to be effective disciples and He comes to live in us to empower us.

Like petrol in a car He is the source of the power we need.

Without fuel the car is nothing more than a lifeless and useless

# So what does the Holy Spirt Do?

1. He holds together the created world – brings order out of chaos (Gen 1v2)
2. Does the work of God the Father in the world so that the Father and the Son can remain in heaven.
3. Convicts us of our sin and leads us to repentance
4. Grows the character of Jesus in our lives - the fruit of the Holy Spirit
5. He speaks to us through scripture:
	1. **25**You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David
6. He can also speaks to us through prophecy and words of knowledge.
7. Gives the believer supernatural power to do the work of Jesus’ kingdom
8. Gives gifts to the church to do the work of the kingdom.

I mentioned that the Holy Spirit grows the character of Jesus in our lives.

# The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – the character of Jesus

1. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 5:22-23)

When you meet so called Christians who do not exhibit this fruit you have to wonder!

I mentioned at the start how the way Jesus leaves us the tools to get the job of building the Kingdom done.

The tools are the Gifts of the Spirit and next Sunday we’ll hear more about them.

# The Gifts of the Holy Spirit empower us to do the mission of Jesus

1. Nine Power gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10: Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues.
2. Seven Motivational gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8: Prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhorting, giving, leading, compassion.
3. Five ascension gifts for building up the church for works of service Ephesians 4:10-13: Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers.

# Being filled with the Holy Spirit of Jesus

Ask God the Father to fill you with the Holy Spirit. God will always answer this prayer.

Ask for more of the Holy Spirit to top you up.

***9****“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.****10****For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

***11****“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[*[*f*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2011&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25417f)*] a fish, will give him a snake instead?****12****Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?****13****If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*