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EMPOWERED *by* GOD's Spirit

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 - 1. Brings the new birth
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Scripture References

“The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.”

JOHN 14:12

“And he said, ‘Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah must suffer and die and rise again from the dead on the third day. With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: “There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.” You are witnesses of all these things.

“‘And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.’”

LUKE 24:46-49

“In one of these meetings as he was eating a meal with them, he told them, ‘Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:4-5, 8

“On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus’ resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

“Godly Jews from many nations were living in Jerusalem at that time. When they heard this sound, they came running to see what it was all about, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

“They were beside themselves with wonder. ‘How can this be?’ they exclaimed. ‘These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking the languages of the lands where we were born!’”

ACTS 2:1-8



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