NEVER LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!

Based on the command of Christ #48 – "Receive God's power"

Lk. 24:49 - I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:1-8

1. In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

2. until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

3. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

4. 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.

5. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6. So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7. He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8. 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 2

Acts 2:1-4

1. When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

4. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Lk. 11:5-13

5. Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, `Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,

6. because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

7. "Then the one inside answers, `Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

8. I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

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; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

11. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for 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!"

I. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin!

John 16:8 - When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

II. The Holy Spirit regenerates us by His Power!

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Rom. 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 4: 20 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Eph. 3:16 - I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

III. The Holy Spirit lives in us!

Eph. 2:22 - And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Rom. 8:9 - You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

1 Cor. 3:16 - Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

1 John 4:4 - You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

IV. The Holy Spirit seals us, marking us as His own!

Eph 1:13-14 - And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

John 13:35 - By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

V. The Holy Spirit teaches us!

1 John 2:27 - As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in him.

John 14:26 - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things...

Rom 10:10 - For it is with your <u>heart</u> that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

VI. The Holy Spirit reminds us again and again what He taught us!

John 14:26 - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things <u>and will remind you of everything I have</u> <u>said to you.</u>

VII. The Holy Spirit guides and directs our steps!

Rom 8:14 - because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Pr. 16:9 - In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Pr. 20: 24 - A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?

Jer. 10: 23 - I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.

VIII. The Holy Spirit is our Helper

Heb 13:6 - So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my <u>helper</u>; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Ps. 54:4 - Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.

Helper = not in the sense of a subordinate worker but as a master craftsman mentoring an apprentice.

IX. The Holy Spirit is our Counselor

Counselor = intercessor, consoler, advocate, comforter, Lawyer.

John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

John 16:7 - But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

VIII. The Holy Spirit gives us Spiritual Gifts!

1 Cor. 12:7-11

7. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

8. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

9. to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

10. to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

X. The Holy Spirit fills us!

Eph 5:18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Acts 9:17 - Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

XI. The Holy Spirit in us brings forth fruit!

Gal 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Mt. 7:20 - Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

XII. The Holy Spirit authorizes us!

Luke 10:19 - I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Mt. 12:28 - But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.