

Acts 1:8  
"Power to Witness"

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1. Introduction

- a. Greek word for power
  - δυναμις - dynamis
  - dynamo, dynamite English words
- b. Receiving God's power
  - power to witness in words
  - even Paul asked for prayer to speak boldly in name of Christ
- c. Power for what?
  - \* Eph 6:18-20
  - to be witnesses
- d. Where?
  - in hometown
  - your nation
  - neighboring countries
  - to the ends of the earth
- e. Context: Acts 1:4-5
  - disciples will be baptized with the Holy Spirit
- f. Event: birth of the church"
  - on Pentecost
  - Acts 2:1-4
  - tongues as appeared of fire
  - all assembled filled with Holy Spirit
  - many Scripture verses on filling of Holy Spirit

2. Power

- a. Great Commission in Mt 28:18-20
  - all authority given to Jesus Christ in heaven & on earth
  - go & make disciples
- b. Jesus promise
  - God gives power to witness

3. Purpose for Power

- a. Holy Spirit will come upon Christian
  - unique expression "come upon you"
  - not something person born with
  - power source external to person
- b. God's Spirit given to every Christian
  - witness from Christian with words & actions
  - \* Christian's living faith

### 3c. Power to witness

- with Scripture "thus says the Lord"
- what God has done personally in your life: (love, hope, joy, peace)
- speak of what/how God has added to your life

### 4. Power to Whom?

#### a. the world

- to every person on earth

#### b. Human people on earth important to God

- Jesus died on cross for every person on earth
- Jesus paid a high cost: His life
  - \* innocent person dying for guilty
- who are the guilty people?
  - \* all the sinners in the world
  - \* sinners do bad or wicked evil things
  - \* sinners break moral laws (murder, stealing, adultery/fornication/sexual cheating, not taking care of family, giving false witness about neighbor, etc...)

#### c. Going to tell other people gospel of Jesus Christ

- people you don't want to meet
- people who make you uncomfortable
- people who speak another language
- people who don't look like you
- people who act & live differently
- people you don't want to offend
- people ~~you~~ who you value more highly than God

#### d. God does not make any exceptions

- no exceptions for Christians
- no exceptions to tell others

### 5. Conclusion

- Other Scriptures on Great Commission
- Mt 28: 18-20, Mk 16: 15-16, Lk 24: 46-48  
Jn 20: 20-21, Jn 20: 29, Jn 21: 15-16