



Becoming Powerful

Series: Becoming...Transformed into His Image

Scripture: Philippians 2:13; Matthew 3:11-12; Acts 1:4-8; Romans 8:11

The _____ life is one that _____ on and _____ into Spirit of God.

- Philippians 2:13
- The Spirit gives us two abilities:
 - The _____ to _____ what God has called you to do. And the _____ to act to _____ the calling.
- Through the Holy Spirit, God works within us, _____ our desires, _____ our minds, and _____ us to walk in His ways.
 - Matthew 3:11-12
 - Jesus comes to _____ what is _____ from what is not.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit brought three blessings to every waiting disciple (Acts 1:4-8):

- The personal _____ of the Holy Spirit.
 - *hagios* (hag-ee-os) - be dedicated or consecrated to the service of God
 - 2 Corinthians 6:16
- The fire of the Spirit _____ our hearts and _____.
- It _____ them to _____ the glory of God.

Our identity is not in our _____, it's that we are _____ of God and Christlike _____ filled with the Holy Spirit!

- Romans 8:11

Start Talking.

- Have you ever crammed for a test? How much of the information did you actually remember afterward?
- What's a skill you've learned that required ongoing practice rather than a one-time effort?
- Why do you think people often try to change through willpower alone?

Start Thinking:

- Why is self-discipline alone insufficient for becoming a Christlike?
- According to Philippians 2:13, what two things does God provide for believers?
- What was the problem with the Old Covenant, and how does the New Covenant address it?
- What does it mean that God writes His law on our hearts?
- How does the imagery of the winnowing fork and fire help us understand the work of the Holy Spirit?
- What are some of the blessings that come through the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- Why was heart purification more important than miraculous signs in Peter's understanding of the Spirit's work?
- What does it mean to live from your identity as a child of God rather than as a slave to sin?

Start Sharing:

- Have you ever experienced a time when you relied on your own strength and ended up frustrated?
- Where have you seen the Holy Spirit helping you grow or change?
- Is there an area of your life where you need to trust the Spirit's power more fully?
- What tends to keep you focused on your failures instead of God's victory?
- How does knowing that the Holy Spirit lives within you change the way you view yourself?

Start Praying:

- Thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit as your Helper and Advocate.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your heart and strengthen you to live victoriously.
- Pray for boldness to live and share your faith.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- Begin each day this week by asking the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you.
- When faced with temptation or difficulty, pause and consciously rely on the Spirit instead of your own strength.
- Identify one area where you need victory and intentionally trust God's power to work in that area this week.