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This teaching began a week before any words were written. For several days I heard in the Spirit write John. Each time I tried to write there was no anointing or words from the Lord. The Lord would say write and I wrote not. Then on this day January 25, 2009 I heard in the Spirit “Not In Word But In Power”. We always must wait upon the Lord. *Psalms 37:7 Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.* (NLT) We must always obey the word of God to receive all that God has for us upon this earth and in eternity. Our salvation comes from God through Jesus Christ. But what about our power, where does it come from and why do we need it? Did you know if we don't have that power that God's heart grieves for us?

Not In Word But In Power

Paul wrote in Corinthians “The kingdom of God is not in word but in power”. Consider it was words God spoke to bring forth creation. God's words were His power. Is there a conflict with what Paul wrote? The answer is there is not a conflict. The stumbling block is us Christians who are only babies never maturing to gain the full understanding of the word of God. Without that understanding we Christians do not obey the word of God. Therein lays the conflict because we are powerless lacking kingdom power.

Let us look at the definition of the word power that we may establish what this power is that Paul talked about. This will give us wisdom and understanding about the power of the kingdom of God. Then we will have taken the first steps of coming into maturity no longer be baby Christians. Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines power as: **[Power:** (1) ability to act or produce an effect (2) **a** capacity for being acted upon or undergoing an effect **b:** legal or official authority, capacity, or right (3) possession of control, authority, or influence over others.] Some of the synonyms for the word power are authority, jurisdiction, control, command, sway, dominion, liberty and right. **Strong's Greek Number 1849** defines power as follows: 1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases 1a) leave or permission 2) physical and mental power 2a) the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises 3) the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege) 4) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed) 4a) universally 4a1) authority over mankind 4b) specifically 4b1) the power of judicial decisions 4b2) of authority to manage domestic affairs 4c) metonymically (*a figure of speech consisting of the use of the name of one thing for that of another of which it is an attribute or with which it is associated*) 4c1) a thing subject to authority or rule 4c1a) jurisdiction 4c2) one who possesses authority 4c2a) a ruler, a human magistrate 4c2b) the leading and more powerful among created

beings superior to man, spiritual potentates 4d) a sign of the husband's authority over his wife 4d1) the veil with which propriety required a women to cover herself 4e) the sign of regal authority, a crown

By the definition we see power is ability, a capacity, a possession, an authority. Did not Jesus Christ have ability, capacity, possession of control and authority or influence over others? Jesus Christ had the kind of power described above. **Matthew 28:18** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* (KJV) **Luke 4:32** *And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.* (KJV)

Let us examine the examples Jesus Christ set that we may follow in His footsteps. If we follow Jesus' examples, then we will know that we belong to Him. **1 John 2:4-6** ⁴ *If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth.* ⁵ *But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.* ⁶ *Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.* (NLT) If we are to live as Christ did, then we must do what Christ did. If we do what Christ did, then we will have power like Christ in word and deed. Remember He came in the flesh because God's children are made of flesh and blood. For only as flesh and blood could Jesus die and by dying He could break the power of the devil who had the power of death. See Hebrews 2:14.

Who prepared the way for Jesus Christ? How Jesus get heavenly power? John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus Christ. John the Baptist received power before his birth by being filled with the Holy Ghost in his mother's womb. John the Baptist was in the wilderness when the word of God came to him. (Notice John the Baptist waited until he was sent by God.) John the Baptist stated he baptized with water but someone mightier is coming that would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. John the Baptist baptized Jesus Christ as requested by Jesus Christ to fulfill the word of God.

Let us see what the word of God says in Matthew and Luke about Jesus' baptism. **Matthew 3:13-17** ¹³ *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.* ¹⁴ *But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?* ¹⁵ *And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.* *Then he suffered him.* ¹⁶ *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:* ¹⁷ *And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* (KJV) **Luke 3:21-22** ²¹ *Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,* ²² *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.* (KJV) The word of God cannot lie but proves itself. Matthew states the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and in Luke it was the Holy Ghost. This proves the Holy Ghost comes from heaven above being the Spirit of God. Remember in heaven there is the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost or Spirit. These three are one but separate in their works. **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** ⁴ *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.* (The Holy Ghost or Spirit) ⁵ *And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.* (Jesus Christ) ⁶ *And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God* (The Father) *which worketh all in all.* (KJV) For anything to have life whether it is plant, beast or man, we have to have the Father's Spirit. **Psalm 104:30** *When you send your Spirit, new life is born to replenish all the living of the earth.* (NLT) What we must understand is that we cannot say we have the Holy Spirit because we have the Father's Spirit to have life.

We have the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of God only when we have the evidence as the Christians had in the book of Acts. The evidence being speaking in other tongues as Jesus stated believers would do in Mark 16:17. Christians are being taught falsely about having the Holy Spirit and power. God's order is this. We receive the Father's Spirit at conception to have life in our flesh and blood bodies. We receive Jesus Christ's Spirit when we confess Him as our Lord and Savior. We must receive the Holy Spirit as commanded by Jesus Christ to have power and signs following us. See Mark 16:17-18.

If we follow the example of Jesus, we will be filled with the Holy Ghost and be led by the Holy Ghost to have a wilderness experience. Then as Jesus did we will do and answer the call of the works God has for us to do His will. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Ghost after the temptation of the devil. It is the Holy Ghost that gave Jesus all power in heaven and in the earth. Jesus did not begin His ministry until John the Baptist water baptized Him, received the Holy Ghost and was led into the wilderness for forty days being tempted by the devil. Remember Jesus came in a flesh and blood body to show us the way it must be done. Looking in the word of God we see Paul followed the pattern Jesus set. **Galatians 1:15-18** ¹⁵ *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,* ¹⁶ *To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:* ¹⁷ *Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.* ¹⁸ *Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. (KJV)* Paul himself said he conferred not with flesh and blood. If not flesh and blood, then it had to have been the Holy Ghost that Paul conferred with. **1 John 2:27** ²⁷ *But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you all things, and what he teaches is true--it is not a lie. So continue in what he has taught you, and continue to live in Christ. (NLT)* How can we be taught if we have not received the Holy Spirit?

During the ministry of Jesus, He gave power to His disciples. What kind of power did Jesus give? **Matthew 10:1** ¹ *And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. (KJV)* **Luke 9:1-2** ¹ *Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. ² And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. (KJV)* Yet these same disciples had to wait and receive Holy Spirit power as commanded by Jesus before He ascended to the Father after His resurrection.

Jesus Christ set the examples for us to follow. Here is the promise Jesus made to those who believe in Him and obeys His commands and the word of God. **John 14:12** ¹² *"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. (NLT)* Jesus knew He would be condemned and hung on the cross. Just before that time Jesus told His disciples these things. **John 16:7** ⁷ *But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Counselor won't come. If I do go away, he will come because I will send him to you. (NLT)* **John 15:26-27** ²⁶ *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: ²⁷ And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. (KJV)* **John 16:13-15** ¹³ *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not be presenting his own ideas; he will be telling you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by revealing to you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; this is what I mean when I say that the Spirit will reveal to you whatever he receives from me. (NLT)*

It is the Holy Ghost and by other names the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth and the Spirit of God that gave power to Jesus Christ. But for us to receive that power, the scriptures had to be fulfilled. Jesus had to die on the cross arising three days later that He could ascend to the Father that the Holy Ghost could come. We must receive that same Holy Ghost power to do the works that Jesus Christ did and greater works. Even the disciples of Jesus were told to wait for the power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you. These instructions came after the resurrection of Jesus and before He ascended back to the Father. *Luke 24:49* ⁴⁹ *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.* (KJV) *Acts 1:4-8* ⁴ *And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.* ⁵ *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* ⁶ *When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?* ⁷ *And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.* ⁸ *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* (KJV) These instruction apply to all believer then, now and in the days to come.

Paul wrote in Corinthians that we **are not to follow** the examples of Israel lusting after evil things. Jesus Christ in the four gospels **commands us to follow** His examples and His commands. Do we as Christians do as Jesus Christ did and as He commanded? Do we as Christians have power that Jesus did? Do we as Christians have these signs following us that Jesus said we would have? *Mark 16:17-18* ¹⁷ *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;* ¹⁸ *They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* (KJV) **THE ANSWER IS NO** for the majority of confessing Christians. **WHY**, because of false teachings. **FALSE TEACHINGS** presents another Jesus being not the doctrine of Jesus Christ but the doctrines of demons. See Galatians 1:6-10,1 Timothy 4:1-2 and Jude. One of the big lies spread by these false teachings is that the power and the Holy Ghost were only for apostles of Jesus Christ. Satan the father of lies will say anything to keep Christians from having what was promised by Jesus Christ. **UNBELIEF is sin.** **UNBELIEF** comes from false teachings that pervert the word of God causing Christians not to believe and obey the complete word of God. **UNBELIEF** stops us from entering into our rest God has prepared for us on this earth and the world to come. See Hebrews 4:1-11. **UNBELIEF** is non Christians and professing Christians who believe not the complete word of God. Jesus Christ states they shall be damned in Mark 16:16. What is **UNBELIEF**? First let us see what belief is because **unbelief** will be the opposite. Belief is "to believe," also "to be persuaded of," and hence, "to place confidence in, to trust," signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, **not mere credence** (mental acceptance as true or real). It is by faith that we believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Having put our full confidence in Jesus Christ, by faith we must be persuaded to obey, receive and do as He did. If we mentally accept Jesus Christ as true or real without faith and works of obedience, that is the opposite of belief being **UNBELIEF**.

I speak these bold statements of the truth of the word of God that the fear of God may come upon you. Why should we fear the Lord? *Psalms 34:7* *For the angel of the LORD guards all who fear him, and he rescues them.* (NLT) *Psalms 111:10* *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of*

wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. (KJV) **Proverbs 1:7** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.* (KJV) Who is our teacher that brings us knowledge and wisdom? It is Holy Spirit promised by Jesus Christ. If we do not believe in receiving the Holy Spirit, that is unbelief which is sin. We sin being liars if we say we know him and keep not His commandments. See 1 John 2:4-6. **Revelation 21:8** *But cowards who turn away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and all liars--their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.*" (NLT)

Has your eyes been opened by the reading of the above? Do you ask the question that the crowd asked John the Baptist: "what should we do"? See Luke 3:10. The first step to do is to obey what Jesus preached in Matthew. **Matthew 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*** (KJV) Read again the examples of what Jesus did above. Then read the four gospels and study the word of God to find the examples and commands of Jesus Christ. Repent of unbelief and obey the word of God. **Psalms 34:22** *But the LORD will redeem those who serve him. Everyone who trusts in him will be freely pardoned.* (NLT) Otherwise when you stand before Christ, He will rebuke you for your unbelief having done not the will of the Father. See Matthew 7:21-23.

The disciples of Jesus Christ obeyed His words and waited seven weeks for the power from heaven by the Holy Ghost. Have you waited as commanded by Jesus Christ seeking the Holy Ghost with all of your heart? Review Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:1-4 from above to see what Jesus Christ commanded. Let us study the word of God and see how Jesus' disciples applied that power preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in the book of Acts. We will see the new Christians fearing God as the apostles did many wonders and signs. **Acts 2:37-38** *³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*** (KJV) Peter was obeying Jesus Christ's commands. The men and women believed the gospel that Peter preached with instructions of water baptism and you shall receive the Holy Ghost. Peter said this promise of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost was for all with no one left out. **Acts 2:39** *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.* (KJV) These commands were spoken by Jesus Christ in **John 3:5** *Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*** (KJV)

By the power of the Holy Ghost the apostles were performing many signs and wonders **Acts 5:12-16** *¹² Meanwhile, the apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared to join them, though everyone had high regard for them. ¹⁴ And more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord--crowds of both men and women. ¹⁵ As a result of the apostles' work, sick people were brought out into the streets on beds and mats so that Peter's shadow might fall across some of them as he went by. ¹⁶ Crowds came in from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.* (NLT) When Peter and John were going into the temple, Peter said in the name of Jesus of Nazareth to the crippled beggar rise up and walk. The power of the Holy Ghost healed the man. **Acts 3:2-8** *² And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of*

them that entered into the temple; ³ Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. ⁴ And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. ⁵ And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. ⁶ Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. ⁷ And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. (KJV) Under that power from heaven, Peter told Ananias and Sapphira about the lie of conspiracy against God. They both fell down dead because they lied. Do we Christians have the power of the Holy Spirit today as did the early church?

Steven, the one who was stoned to death, was full of faith and did great wonders and miracles among the people. See Acts 6:8. He had the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter visited Cornelius by the direction of the Holy Spirit after Cornelius sent messengers to fetch Paul. As he was preaching about Christ the Holy Spirit fell upon the household of Cornelius and they spoke in other tongues praising God. Then they were water baptized. See Acts chapter 10.

The apostles in Jerusalem heard that Philip went to Samaria and the people accepted the word of God. They sent Peter and John to Samaria. Finding that the people of Samaria had only been baptized in the name of Jesus, they laid hands on the people and they received the Holy Ghost as he had fallen on none of them. See Acts 8:4-17. Philip was disobeying the commands Jesus Christ gave in *Matthew 28:18-20* ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* ¹⁹ *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:* ²⁰ *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.* Amen. (KJV) by not praying for the Holy Ghost to fall upon those he was preaching to. Paul was faithful in preaching even when he found other believers without the Holy Ghost. See Acts 19:1-7.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. (KJV) *1 Thessalonians 1:5* ⁵ For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. (KJV) God's word is His power. The kingdom of God is not in word but in power. We Christians represent the kingdom of God on earth being Christ's ambassadors but only if we have the heavenly power of the Holy Ghost. Then our words are empowered as the words of Christ were empowered when we speak by faith believing what we speak will be so. Remember Christ was flesh and blood setting the example for Christians to follow in our flesh and blood bodies.

I have been faithful in reminding Christians again about the power that is needed and must be received to do the will of the Father in heaven. The Father continues to remind me that His heart is grieved because we lack this power being a gift from Him. God is patient and long suffering wanting none to be lost. For Christians seeking the truth, this teaching will be a breath of fresh air. For Christians with **UNBELIEF** this message will be a stench to their nostrils because it goes against the teachings of another Jesus they worship.

I close with one final thought and scriptures from the word of God that shows about unbelief. We are all part of the body of Christ. We have all been called with an anointing to do the job God wants of us. In other words we have boundaries set by God we must stay within so that our works are not iniquity. How can we know and do our calling being the will of the Father without receiving the Holy Spirit as Jesus did and as Jesus commanded? We cannot know nor

do the will of the Father but by the Holy Spirit and the power he gives. Without the Holy Spirit we have **unbelief** being sin causing us to be liars..

2 Corinthians 2:15-17 ¹⁵ Our lives are a fragrance presented by Christ to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those being saved and by those perishing. ¹⁶ To those who are perishing we are a fearful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this? ¹⁷ You see, we are not like those hucksters--and there are many of them--who preach just to make money. We preach God's message with sincerity and with Christ's authority. And we know that the God who sent us is watching us. (NLT)

*Hebrews 12:*¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you will miss out on the special favor of God. Watch out that no bitter root of **unbelief** rises up among you, for whenever it springs up, many are corrupted by its poison. (NLT)

Hebrews 3:12-19 ¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; ¹⁵ While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. ¹⁶ For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. ¹⁷ But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in **because of unbelief**. (KJV)