

HOLY GHOST POWER – 3
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REVIEW:

There is a twofold work of the Spirit in the life of a believer. First, it's the work of regeneration and baptizing us into the Body of Christ. Second, is being baptized by Jesus with the Holy Ghost and fire. **MATTHEW 3:11** – The New Birth is evidenced by the Fruit of the Spirit, and the Spirit baptism is evidenced by power and spiritual gifts. Tongues being the initial sign.

CONTINUE:

ACTS 2:1-4 – The Jews were baptized with the Spirit.
ACTS 8:14-17 – The Samaritans were baptized with the Spirit.
ACTS 9:17 – Paul was baptized with the Spirit.
ACTS 10:38 – Jesus was baptized with the Spirit.
ACTS 10:44-48 – The Gentiles were baptized with the Spirit.
ACTS 19:6 – The Ephesians were baptized with the Spirit.

If Jesus and all of these needed to be baptized with the Holy Ghost, are we better, smarter, or more powerful than they were? None of us should want anything different than what God initiated on Pentecost. Who are we to change what God established as truth or to determine what is or isn't needed to do what God wants done?

THE BETTER WAY – 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31

- **CHAPTER 12** is about power, **CHAPTER 13** is about love, **CHAPTER 14** is about order.
- We all have been given divine love. **ROMANS 5:5**
- Love is proof of our salvation. **I JOHN 3:14**
- Love is the mark of spiritual maturity. **COLOSSIANS 3:14**
- Love opens the door to healing. **DEUTERONOMY 7:12-15, JOHN 13:34**
- We must let love dominate our lives. **1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3**
- Love includes our enemies. **MATTHEW 5:44-48**
- Love never fails. **1 CORINTHIANS 13:8**

NINE SPIRITUAL GIFTS – 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

These gifts can be divided into three categories: Revelation Gifts, Power Gifts, and Inspirational Gifts. The Revelation Gifts reveal something, the Power Gifts do something, and the Inspirational Gifts say something.

1. Revelation Gifts: The Word of Knowledge, The Word of Wisdom and The Discerning of Spirits.
2. Power Gifts: Special faith, Gifts of healing and The Working of Miracles.
3. Inspirational Gifts: Prophecy, Tongues and The Interpretation of Tongues.

THE GREATER ONE WITHIN – 1 JOHN 4:4

While we thank God for Spiritual Gifts and their usefulness, we must never fail to recognize that the cause is greater than the effect. We have within us all the power we need to live victorious lives. The God who is in us is greater than the devil who is in this world. **EPHESIANS 3:20** – We are to be conscious of the greater one who is in us and believe what the Word says about Him. We have within us the third person of the Trinity as an ever-present source of power who is every ready to help us succeed in life.