

# Cornerstone Church

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Sermon Series: Advanced Training for Jesus' Soldiers –  
Prepping Ourselves for His Return

Today's Sermon: Tapping Into the Transforming Power  
of the Spirit – Inward Change

Today's Passages: Acts 2:1-4, 2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Introduction

Main point: Armed with the power of the Spirit within  
persecuted believers will have supernatural power to 1)  
preach (testify) with amazing power (Acts 4:31) 2) recall OT  
passages (and NT passages) to aid in that  
preaching/testifying, and 3) bring conviction to the  
listener(s) Acts 2:37.

1. The believer who is armed and filled with the Holy Spirit  
will have supernatural power to preach with amazing  
boldness.

**And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered  
together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and  
continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31 ESV)**

2. The believer who is armed and filled with the Holy Spirit  
will have supernatural power to preach with amazing  
boldness and be able to miraculously recall OT and NT  
passages of Scripture while testifying.

**But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: (Acts 2:16 ESV)**

**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he  
will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have  
said to you. (John 14:26 ESV)**

3. The believer who is armed and filled with the Holy Spirit  
will have supernatural power to preach with amazing  
boldness, and be able to miraculously recall OT and NT  
passages of Scripture while testifying, and bring  
conviction to the listeners.

**Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter  
and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said  
to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus  
Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the  
Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:37-38 ESV)**

How can we then be armed and filled with the Holy Spirit?

**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is  
freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,  
are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to  
another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17-  
18 ESV)**

Do you want the boldness, fearlessness, power, recall, purity,  
persuasiveness, and energy, that Jesus had in His ministry?

Then, 1) your first requirement is to behold the glory of the  
Lord.

**You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have  
eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, (John 5:39 ESV)**

2) That objective viewing will become a transforming change because we become what we view.

**beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another**

- That transformation is a process – “we are *being* transformed.
- That transformation is being accomplished through the power of the Spirit.

**For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

In the process of transforming us, the Holy Spirit will reveal the things that need to be “put off” and the things that need to be “put on”.

Put off:

**In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. (Colossians 3:7-10 ESV)**

Put on:

**Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:12-14 ESV)**