

What is Power Evangelism? - Part 1

Description: In this class, Evangelist Joe Oden will take you on a Scriptural journey showing why you need to be empowered with the Holy Spirit to be effective in evangelism. Jesus exemplified the pattern for ministry so that we might confidently rely on the Spirit as well.

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Key Scriptures: Luke 3; Luke 4:1; Luke 14:4; Philippians 2:6; Acts 1:14; Luke 1:67-80; Acts 2; Acts 3:1; Acts 4; 1 Corinthians 14; 2 Corinthians 4:18

Key Points:

- It's one thing to be filled with the Spirit. It's another thing to walk in the power of the Spirit.
- Jesus' first proclamation came after he was baptized in the Spirit. The first message He preached was from Isaiah 61 showing that He was the Messiah. *"He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; to set the oppressed free; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Jesus gives a theological definition of why the Spirit of God is upon Him. It is for proclamation.
- Jesus did not move in power because of His divinity. It was through the infilling and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit comes, there is an empowerment for speech, proclamation, and power that had not been there before.
- Jesus Christ is setting a precedent. If you had to be divine to move in power, then the Apostles would never accomplish their ministry.
- Power evangelism is the pattern for the Church—not just for Apostles, Evangelists and Pastors, but for every believer.

Notes:

Up until His baptism, and even the days after, we must note that Jesus had not preached one message. He had not laid hands on anyone who was sick. Yet, He was fully God and fully man.

As Jesus begins His earthly proclamation with signs and wonders ministry, He gives us a theological reference. What He's saying is that now He is filled with the Holy Spirit. He could then operate in power evangelism.

Jews believed that the Messiah would overthrow the totalitarian regime of Rome and relieve them of their oppression. They wanted to go back to what they perceived as their glory days when King David reigned, and they were a world empire. But Jesus didn't come in military might. He came proclaiming release to the prisoner. He had come to set them free from the grip of the devil. He had come to set them free from sin.

When someone is bound in sin, it takes a supernatural, empowered anointing to bring release.

Jesus moved in a power dimension of evangelism. When blind Bartimaeus was healed, it wasn't through the divinity of Jesus. It was through the empowerment of the Spirit that Jesus healed the sick.

The disciples had learned from the best. They understood theology. They had even healed the sick under the Ministry of Christ. They knew how to speak. But after the Spirit was poured out upon them, it was the first time that Peter could really preach, that John could preach, that Matthew could preach—not just theology, but the saving message of the Gospel. They could preach kingship, death and resurrection. The message was now complete for proclamation.

As powerful as the message is, Jesus taught the need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit for the Gospel to be effective in the manner for which it was purposed.

They were devoted to prayer, and of everything they could have been devoted to, Luke describes as an observer that these men (the Apostles) were devoted to prayer.

Whenever we do evangelism, we must proclaim the Gospel. You cannot move in any kind of evangelism, let alone power evangelism without a proclamation of the true Gospel.

One thing that needs to be preached in our proclamation concerning power evangelism is that Jesus Christ is a ruling King. He's not our buddy in the sky. He's not someone that we just give a fist bump to. He's not just our friend. He's a King who demands allegiance and honor.

We need to be a people who prays earnestly for the gifts of the Spirit to be in operation in our lives.

The reason many people either do not do evangelism or stop doing evangelism is because they do not see the results they want to see. When you share the Gospel, even when you don't see a demonstration of the power of God, you have no idea what's taking place on the inside of that individual. They might not get saved right then and there, but you've sown an incorruptible seed in their heart.

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