



## Message Four: The Holy Spirit *Pastor Mike Chapman*

Jesus did not leave us a religion to practice or a book to memorize. He left us the Holy Spirit...

*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17, NIV)*

True Christianity is supernatural. It gives us a taste of power of the coming age (Hebrews 6:5).

### **OXYMORON: POWERLESS CHRISTIANITY**

The **tragedy** of the modern church in America

*2 Timothy 3:1, 5, In the last days...they will hold to the outward form of our religion, but reject its real power. Keep away from such people. (TEV)*

Satan does not fear our **words** and **formulas**.

*Acts 19:15-16, The evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. (NLV)*

We are warned of **spiritual foolishness**.

*Galatians 3:3, You began your life in Christ by the Spirit. Now are you trying to make it complete by your own power? That is foolish. (NCV)*

*1 Corinthians 2:4-5, My message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. (NLT)*

## **JESUS PROMISED US POWER AND POWER**

A little Greek:

**exousia**: right, privilege, authority

**dunamis**: strength, might, power

Every believer has **authority** over the **power** of the Enemy.

*Luke 10:19, Look, I have given you authority (exousia) over all the power (dunamis) of the enemy. (NLT)*

Jesus also promised the **power** of the Holy Spirit.

*Luke 24:49, "I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." (NLT)*

*Acts 1:4-5, 8, "Wait here to receive the promise from the Father which I told you about. John baptized people with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power." (NIV)*

Apart from the power of the Spirit, we cannot do the works of Jesus nor complete his mission.

## **A SUPERNATURAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

The words of Paul to the Christians at Ephesus...

Ephesians 1:19-20, I also pray that you will know the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.

*Ephesians 3:16, 20, I pray that...he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being...Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (NLT)*

Ephesians 5:18, *Be filled with the Spirit. (NIV)*

Ephesians 6:10, A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. (NIV)

Luke 11:13, *"Your Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*