



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The Holy Spirit: I.M. Power for All
Speaker: A. Redd Sevilla, New Life East Launch Pastor
Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-21

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Sermon Outline:

There is power available to you through the Holy Spirit. There are three ways to experience this power through the Holy Spirit:

- INdwelling of the Spirit
 - UPlifting of the Spirit
 - OUTflowing of the Spirit.
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- Indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has taken up residence inside of those who are his followers. He is yours and you are his.
 - Uplifting power of the Holy Spirit. There is no place so far from God that he cannot reach you.
 - Outflowing power of the Holy Spirit. God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine in our lives.

God takes up office in our lives in the IM (Immeasurably More) space in our lives and shows up in ways that will amaze us. The good news is that God has told us he will do immeasurably more than what we could ever asked for. The Lord calls this outflowing power a gift for you to receive. This outflowing power is the filling of the Spirit that took place in Ephesus that Jesus talked about in scripture. (Acts 1:4-8)

The Holy Spirit does not force anything on us, but instead gives you hunger and desire to get closer to Jesus.

What results from the filling of the Holy Spirit? Some examples of outflow of the Spirit in Ephesus, Act 19 were: spiritual gifting, boldness, ethnic lines were crossed, miracles, healing, freedom was experienced, reversal of spiritual darkness took place and an outflowing of power happened in public places. The office of the IM had moved into this community, and they experienced God like they never had before. Through the filing of the Holy Spirit, God was blessing the world through his followers, creating shalom among his followers.

May you be open to receiving the filling of the Holy Spirit of God.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, A. Redd Sevilla, Launch Pastor of New Life East, continues our sermon series on the on the Holy Spirit. Today Pastor Redd leads us in how we can experience more of God's power and love through the special gift called the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Questions:

1. Do you feel an invitation from Christ in today's scripture passage? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. There is power available to all of us through the Holy Spirit. Where do you feel the Holy Spirit is moving in your life right now? Do you feel the indwelling of the Spirit, maybe the Spirit is uplifting your life right now, or are you experiencing an outflowing of the Spirit? Find time this week to offer thanks to God for all the ways the Spirit is moving in your life today.
3. Set aside time to honestly reflect on the questions below, maybe journaling your thoughts and feelings.
 - What is God's invitation to you?
 - What do you want to say to Him now?
 - How would you want to obey Him this week?