

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

THE RESURRECTION POWER
Ephesians 1:19-22; Ephesians 3:16-21; Ephesians 5:18-21
Study in the Book of Ephesians
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TEXT: Ephesians 1:19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when *He raised Him from the dead* and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

INTRO: Paul is praying for the church to receive a Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God (Ephesians 1:17). Then he moves to pray that we would know “**what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when *He raised Him from the dead* and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*” (Ephesians 1:19-20).**

Ephesus was birthed out of the Resurrection Power. This resurrection power brought about the greatest revival in the book of Acts and birthed the church in Ephesus.

Acts 19:1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus and found some disciples. **2** He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they *said* to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” **3** And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” **4** Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” **5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying. **7** There were in all about twelve men.

Twenty-nine years ago, Harvest Rock Church was birthed out of what is now known as the Toronto Blessing that took place on January 20, 1994. Last week we celebrated our 29th birthday. And just like Jesus was baptized with the



Holy Spirit's power before He started His ministry at the age of 30, I too believe that another visitation is taking place in Harvest Rock Church and in America, to prepare us for the greatest harvest and Kingdom advancement in this new season of Harvest Rock Church as we approach our 30-year anniversary!

PURPOSE STATEMENT: I WANT TO SHARE THREE TRUTHS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION POWER. 1) THE RESURRECTION POWER WILL SAVE YOU. 2) THE RESURRECTION POWER WILL SANCTIFY YOU (make you holy as He is holy). 3) THE RESURRECTION POWER WILL HELP YOU TO OBEY THE GREAT COMMISSION AND THUS FULFILL YOUR DESTINY.

I. THE RESURRECTION POWER WILL SAVE YOU

A. John 20:19 So when it was evening on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

1. I believe that this is when the disciples became born again. The verb “receive” is in the imperative aorist tense, which means that it is a command and that it happened right there and then. It is my opinion that He appeared to 500 disciples after the resurrection so that they all would receive the Holy Spirit to become born again, but they were to wait in Jerusalem to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which we will get to later in this message.

B. Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

C. Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

D. Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 3 Among them we too all formerly



lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

1. Share your testimony how you came to Jesus. How dead you were because of sin in your life. How the Lord saved you. Finally how He has blessed you.
2. I am going to give an invitation at the end of the service so that you too will encounter the power of His resurrection and become born again (John 3:3-17).

II. THE RESURRECTION POWER WILL SANCTIFY YOU

A. Ephesians 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the *power* that works within us.

1. The emphasis in Ephesians 3:16 is sanctification, for you “to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the *inner man.*”
2. “*And that you, being rooted and grounded in love.*” To love Jesus and to love like Jesus is the goal of sanctification or Christlike character.
3. Matthew 22:37-40 is the passage of Scripture that is foundational in my life for setting the value of Christlike character.

B. Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the *Spirit*, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the *Spirit*, and the *Spirit* against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the *Spirit*, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the *Spirit* is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



1. Paul teaches when you are full of the Holy Spirit, you will walk in love and thus fulfill the commandments.
2. **Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**
3. It is all God's grace. He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us to love like He loved.
- C. **Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age.**
- D. **Review the three truths of last week's message on holiness.**
 1. Repent of any sinful habits.
 2. Renew your mind on God's Word until His values become your values.
 3. Take responsibility for your life by proactively obeying God's Word. God's Spirit will give you the grace and power to obey Jesus.

III. THE RESURRECTION POWER WILL HELP YOU TO OBEY THE GREAT COMMISSION AND THUS FULFILL YOUR DESTINY

- A. **ACTS 1:8 "YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."**
- B. **EPHESIANS 2:10 FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.**
 1. Palm Sunday 1974: Receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. Being called into vocational ministry that same evening.
 2. The Spirit will give gifts, offices, prophetic direction, and guidance.
- C. **THIS BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN HAPPEN AT CONVERSION (ACTS 10) BUT OFTEN IS A SUBSEQUENT EXPERIENCE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**
 1. **Luke 3:16 "Are you the Christ?" John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."**
- D. Acts 8: Philip goes to the city of Samaria; people get saved and they are baptized in water, but the Holy Spirit had not baptized them in power. Peter and John are sent, and they lay hands on them, and they are baptized with the

Holy Spirit and power. **Acts 8:14** Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

- E. **The Apostle Paul: Acts 9:15** But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; **16** for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.” **17** So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized.
1. Paul was saved on the road to Damascus when Jesus appeared to Him in a blinding light. He is told to have Ananias pray for him. Ananias prays and lays hands on him. Paul is filled with the Holy Spirit, and his eyes are healed. Then he is baptized in water. Here we see: Paul’s salvation, His baptism in the Holy Spirit with Ananias laying hands on him, and then His baptism in water. So even if you are born again and have been water baptized, but you have not been baptized by the Holy Spirit, you can do so this morning after the service is over.
 2. Dr. Oh’s party in 1976. I led around 20 people to Jesus as a secular birthday party. It all started after I prayed for a high school football player that had knee surgery from a football injury, and he got totally healed. When the kids saw this, I gave an invitation at this party for those who wanted to get saved to get down on their knees and pray with me. Around 20 got down on their knees. As I led them in the sinner’s prayer, a number of them started to pray in tongues spontaneously. It was during the Jesus Revolution, and I believe that we are going to see even greater signs and wonders in the days ahead.

CONCLUSION: BE CONTINUALLY FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, ***but be filled with the Spirit,*** **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; **20**



always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Pray for people to get saved and to rededicate their lives to Jesus. Pray for people to be filled with the Holy Spirit!

