

You Shall be My Witnesses

Acts 1:8 NKJV

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me [My witnesses]** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Luke 3:21 – 22 NKJV

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Acts 2:38 – 39 NKJV

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Acts 19:1 – 6 NIV

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when^a you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues^b and prophesied.

What Are We Witnesses to?

1. His Light – **Matthew 5:14-16, Isaiah 60:1 – 3**

John 1:1 – 3 NIV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not **comprehend** it.

2. His Love –

James 1:18 NLT

He chose to give birth to us by giving us His true word. And we, out of all creation, became his **prized possession**.

3. His Legacy – something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.

Ephesians 4:7 – 8 NKJV

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

Romans 12:6 – 8, 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11, Ephesians 4:11 – 13

1 Peter 4:10 – 11 NIV

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.