

Focus

Bible teaching
about the Holy Spirit

Spirit - what does it mean?

- Apart from its religious associations...
 - A frame of mind
 - She always had an independent spirit
 - Team spirit
 - Liveliness or vivacity
 - Entering into the spirit of the party
 - A distilled alcoholic drink, e.g. whisky, brandy, gin etc.
- ETYMOLOGY: from Latin spiritus, from spirare to breathe.

Spirit - what does it mean?

- Hebrew = ruwach (378x)
- Genesis 8:1 = wind
- Genesis 6:17 = breath
- Genesis 26:35 = mind

God's tremendous power



- Genesis 1:1,2
In the beginning
God created the heavens and the earth...
And the Spirit of God was hovering over
the face of the waters.

God's tremendous power



- Psalm 33:6-9
By the word of the
LORD the heavens were made, and by the
breath of his mouth all their host.

God's tremendous power



- Jeremiah 10:12
It is he who made the earth by his power,
who established the world by his wisdom,
and by his understanding stretched out
the heavens.

God's power keeps things going

- Job 34:14-15
If he ... gather to himself his spirit and
his breath, all flesh would perish
together...

God is everywhere

- Psalm 139:7
Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

God's power and the Bible



- When God's power is used in a special way - it is called the Holy Spirit

God's power and the Bible



- 2 Peter 1:21
...but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

God's power and the Bible



- At least 40 writers
- from different backgrounds
 - over 1500 years
 - yet the message is consistent

God's power and Jesus



- Luke 1:35
...therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

God's power and Jesus



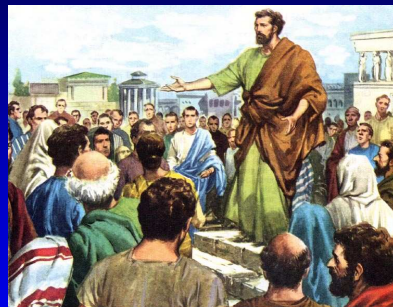
- John 3:34
For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.

God's power and Jesus



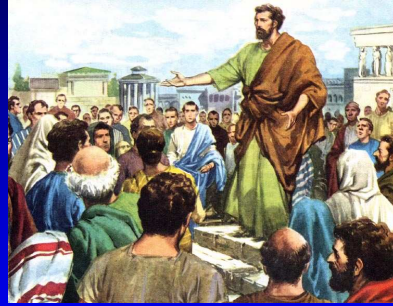
- Luke 4:18
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...

God's power and the disciples



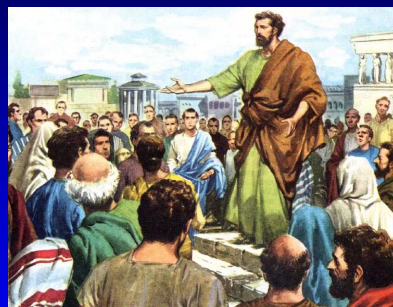
- Acts 1:8
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you

God's power and the disciples



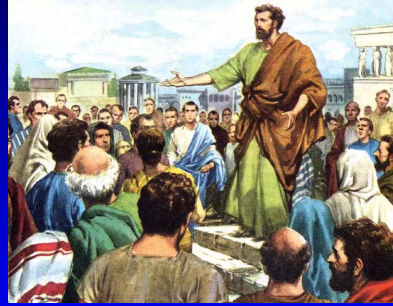
- 1. They were able to proclaim the gospel boldly and powerfully in many different languages (Acts 2:8).

God's power and the disciples



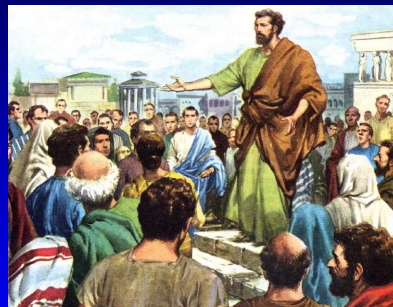
- 2. They were able to confirm their message with great miracles (Acts 2:43).

God's power and the disciples



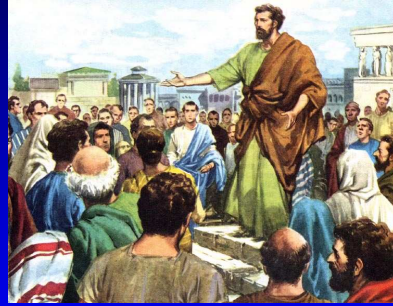
- 3. They were able to complete the New Testament (Acts 4:31).

God's power and the disciples



- Acts 8:18
...the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands.

God's power and the disciples



- When the Apostles died the gifts of the Holy Spirit were withdrawn. The New Testament was complete.

The Power of God today

- God now speaks to us in His Word, the Bible, which is inspired by God's power.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- 2 Timothy 3:14-17

