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The Spirit Empowered Church...

- 1. Is filled with gratitude and worships God**
- 2. Sees and loves all people as God does**
- 3. Humbly, and boldly tells others about Jesus and helps them to receive what He offers**
- 4. Devotes themselves to scripture and prayer**
- 5. Devotes themselves to one another**
- 6. Operates as supernatural ministers as a way of life**

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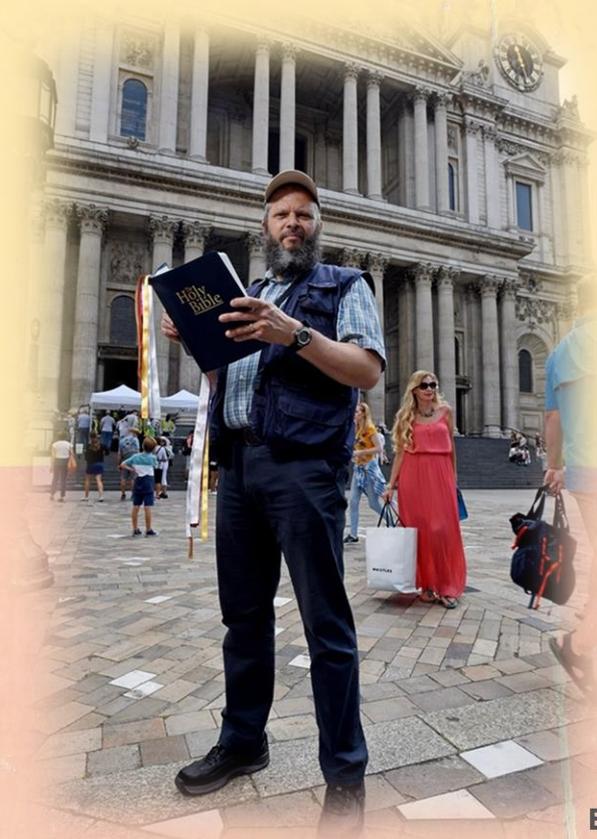
The Witness of the Church

Acts 1:8 ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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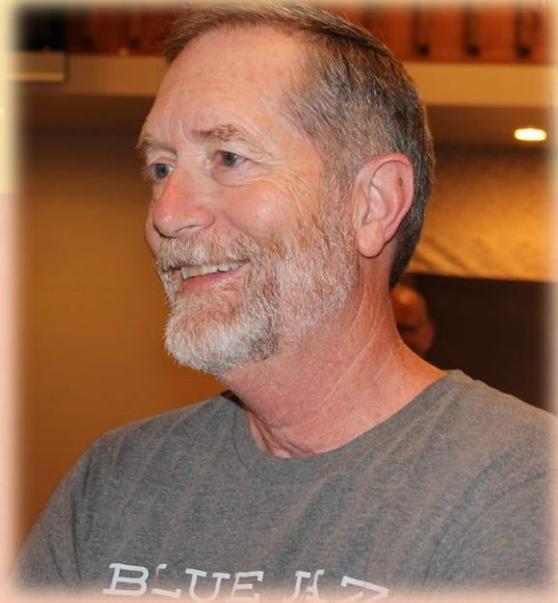
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Witness: One who gives a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced

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What people did God use to reveal Jesus to you?

“You are the Christ the Son of the Living God”



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The Power of Testimony

Revelations 12 “It has come at last—salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—the one who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 And **they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony.** And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

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Our witness comes through...

What we Do & Say

Words & Works

Proclamation & Demonstration

1 Peter 4:11 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.

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The power comes from the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:3-5 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ **My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,** ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 John 5:6 And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross not by water only, but by water and blood. And **the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony.**

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Acts 3 & 4

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Acts 3:6-10 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but **what I do have I give you**. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, **walking and jumping, and praising God**. ⁹ When all the **people saw him walking and praising God**, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with **wonder and amazement...**

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Acts 4:2-4 They were **greatly disturbed** because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, **they put them in jail** until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

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Acts 4:29-31 ...they raised their voices together in prayer to God...²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and **enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.**³⁰ **Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders** through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ ...After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.**

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Acts 4:32-34 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they **shared everything they had.**³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. **And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all**³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them.

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Challenge

Meditate on: Acts 4:29-31 *They prayed ...enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.*³⁰ **Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders...**

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Talk to God about these verses.

Do you desire what they desired?

Pray and ask God for what they asked for?

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