

THE SUPERNATURAL CHRISTIAN: Part 1:



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SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

- "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." [John 14:12]
 - "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. [8] But 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 [Acts 1:7-8]
 - "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know the truth.... [27] And, the anointing you received from him remains in you" [1John 2:20, 27]
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ARISE AND SHINE:

Most of God's people are living ordinary lives almost completely unaware of the change that occurred in them once they received Christ and the Holy Spirit came to dwell in them. Very little has changed in them, or their lives. Yet, something DID happen: The power and glory of Almighty God now resides in EVERY Born-Again child of God in the presence of the Holy Spirit – and He is waiting for us to RISE UP and to SHINE with His glory.

- "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." [Isaiah 60:1]

Jesus told us: "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light." [Luke 11:33]

But very few of God's people are the shining examples of God's presence. The reason for this is because most are unaware of the fact that Christians are a supernatural people, born again into a supernatural life by a supernatural God - We are sustained by supernatural food - We are taught by a supernatural teacher from a supernatural book - We are led by a supernatural guide into supernatural paths in order to obtain supernatural victories.

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BELIEVE THE WORD:

Unfortunately, too many Christians are either unaware or they fail to believe the clear statements made in the Word of God regarding our status in the Kingdom of Heaven – AND what the Lord has spoken regarding us. Here are just a few scriptures that speak about US:

- "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: BECAUSE AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD." [1John 4:17]
- "Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me ARE FOR SIGNS AND FOR WONDERS from the LORD of hosts, which dwells in mount Zion." [Isaiah 8:18]
- "As you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. HEAL THE SICK, CLEANSE THE LEPERS, RAISE THE DEAD, CAST OUT DEVILS: Freely you have received; freely give" [Matt. 10:8]
- "AND THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." [Mark 16:17-18]
- "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" [Acts 1:8]

GOD'S PLAN FOR THE CHURCH:

As children of the Most High God it is important for us to understand that the Lord HAS A PURPOSE for us during our time here on earth. However, in order to carry out that plan we must first realize what that plan is – how it applies to US – and the fact that the Lord EMPOWERED us so that we CAN carry out His plan.

According to Scripture, it is God's plan to reveal to all creation His wisdom and authority THRU THE CHURCH (His people) and it is IN THE CHURCH (His people) that He will be glorified. In order to accomplish this He came to dwell IN us by His Spirit – and then EMPOWERED US with His Spirit.

- "His intent was that now, THROUGH THE CHURCH, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." [Eph. 3:10-11]
- "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [21] Unto him be GLORY IN THE CHURCH by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. [Eph. 3:20-21]

Notice again what Jesus said and consider the implications in light of what we now understand:

- " Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me WILL DO THE WORKS I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." [John 14:11-14]

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DO NOT BE AFRAID NOR BE DISMAYED:

Deuteronomy 31:8 tells us: "**The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.**"

In Mark 16 the Lord Jesus assure us that as we begin to preach the Gospel as HE preached it that SIGNS and WONDERS will begin to manifest. And in verse 20 He tells us that we will know when we ARE preaching the Word correctly because He will CONFIRM it with SIGNS FOLLOWING.

We are no longer just ordinary men and women: We are a SUPERNATURAL people indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit of the Living God. So I encourage you to be bold in your faith – Be bold in the Lord – Be bold in your witness for Christ – Because it is the LORD Himself that dwells in us. And, as we boldly proclaim the mercy, grace and power of God to a dying world He WILL show Himself strong on our behalf.

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