

## 31- Sharing The Truth With Everyone

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If a person is **not saved**, they **need** to know the truths we shared in Bible lesson #27 (On The Wrong Side Of The Barrier) and Bible lesson #28 (How The Barrier Is Removed) so they will understand what the Lord requires them to do in order for them to have salvation from eternal condemnation. If a person **is saved**, they need to know these same truths in those two Bible lessons in order for them to (1) understand their salvation from eternal condemnation, (2) to know more about the battle they are fighting daily with their own flesh and (3) to know what happens when they **do not** win the battle with their material body. Even Paul had problems with his material body and he was not able to overcome his material body in the battle without the Spirit of Might (Isaiah 11:1-2). <sup>17</sup> *So now I am no longer the one doing it, but it is sin living in me.* <sup>18</sup> *For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do what is good is with me, but **there is no ability to do it.*** <sup>19</sup> *For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do.* <sup>20</sup> *Now if I do what I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but it is the sin that lives in me.* <sup>21</sup> *So I discover this principle: When I want to do what is good, evil is with me.* <sup>22</sup> *For in my inner self I joyfully agree with God's law.* <sup>23</sup> *But I see a different law in the parts of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me prisoner to the law of sin in the parts of my body.* <sup>24</sup> *What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this dying body?* <sup>25</sup> *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I myself am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh, to the law of sin." Romans 7:17-25 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

If you would like to know about the Spirit of Might that **ENERGIZED** the Messiah and is available to us, we invite you to read the paper titled "THE POWER OF THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT OF GOD" on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>. <sup>1</sup> *A branch will grow from a stump of a tree that was cut down. So a new king will come from the family of Jesse.* <sup>2</sup> *(1) **The Spirit of the Lord** will rest upon that king. The Spirit gives him (2) **wisdom**, (3) **understanding**, (4) **guidance** and (5) **power**. And the Spirit teaches him to (6) **know** and (7) **respect** the Lord." Isaiah 11:1-2 (International Children's Bible)*

Therefore, since everyone with whom we come into contact needs to know the truths we shared in Bible lesson #27 (On The Wrong Side Of The Barrier) and Bible lesson #28 (How The Barrier Is Removed), we should consider it our duty to share the Lords truths with our **family**, our **friends** and **our contacts**, because everyone is affected. Over the years we have been blessed to witness more people repenting of their sins and asking the Lord for salvation because of the truths that we shared in those two Bible lessons, than with any other presentation. The truths take around 45 minutes to share (around their kitchen table, if possible) and you should enjoy a very high rate of success. If you would like to know more about this highly successful program of witnessing, please contact us through Messenger on Facebook.

**What a privilege!** The Lord has given **us** the privilege of becoming a very important part of His divine plan. He invites you, personally, to surrender your will to Him as you allow Him **to work through you** to share His blessed plan of salvation with others. If you are willing to allow Christ **to work through you** as you share His truths with **your family**, your **friends** and **your contacts**, He will indeed pay you very well.

Perhaps you may not feel adequate for the task. Please remember, however, that **all** the Lord calls you to do is **share** His truths. **HIS SPIRIT DOES THE WORK!** You are simply an associate with Jesus Christ. Again, Jesus Christ is more anxious to see **your family, your friends** and **your contacts** saved than you are. " <sup>14</sup> *For we are made partakers (μέτοχος, pronounced "met'-okh-os" in English and meaning a participant, that is, (as a noun), a sharer; by implication, an associate : a fellow, a partaker or a partner) of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;* <sup>15</sup> *While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.* <sup>16</sup> *For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.* <sup>17</sup> *But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?* <sup>18</sup> *And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest (abode), but to them that believed not?* <sup>19</sup> *So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Hebrews 3:14-19 (King James Version)*

If you have decided to be a part of the Lord's plan, we have a few suggestions to help you become highly successful as a soul winner. **First**, make absolutely sure that there has been a time and a place when you went to God in prayer and applied for salvation. Please note that we did not ask if you were an ordained minister nor did we ask if you were a leader in a "church" somewhere. We did not ask if you had been baptized nor did we ask if you attended "church" once a day, once a week, once a month or once a year. Our question is, has there been a time and a place in your life when you asked the Lord to forgive you of the sins that you committed? Did you request that the sacrifice Jesus Christ gave on the cross, pay the sin debt you owed? Have you applied for salvation by exercising **saving faith**, that is, admitting that there is nothing **you can do** to help gain your salvation? Again, we are no longer surprised at the number of people we contact who are lost because they are depending upon their "church" membership, their baptism or their good works to get them into the Lord's Paradise. **AND SOME OF THEM ARE IN THE MINISTRY AND SOME OF THOSE WHO GO OUT ON VISITATION ARE AS LOST AS THOSE THEY ARE VISITING!** " <sup>21</sup> *Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.* <sup>22</sup> *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not **prophecy** by thy name, and by thy name **cast out demons**, and by thy name **do many mighty works**?* <sup>23</sup> *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23 (American Standard Version)*

We are not suggesting that you have to know the exact day on the calendar and the exact time on the clock when you responded to God's call to (1) go to Him in prayer, (2) repent of your sins and while looking in faith to Calvary, (3) ask that the payment Jesus Christ gave on the cross, pay for the sin debt you owe. If you made that decision, however, you **should** know it and you **will** know it. If there is a doubt in your mind that you made that decision, we urge you to slip to God in prayer, **right now**, and get it settled. The Lord will not be displeased because He wants you to have the assurance of your salvation.

Our **second** suggestion to help you become highly successful as a soul winner deals with a very important principle that we fear is not taught in many churches today. However, it is of utmost importance in becoming a successful soul winner. Make sure you are operating through the **seven** gifts of enablement from the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit. These seven gifts of enablement will give you the power to become the best

witness for Christ. We **are not** referring to "charismatic gifts". We are referring to the power of the Sevenfold Spirit of God. **Jesus Christ Received The Seven Gifts Of Enablement From The Sevenfold Power Of The Holy Spirit Of God Without Measure And Did His Work Through The Enablement Of Them.** " <sup>33</sup> *He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.* <sup>34</sup> *For He whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God: **for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him.*** <sup>35</sup> *The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand.* <sup>36</sup> *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:33-36 (King James Version)*

Please note in Isaiah 11:1-2, one of the seven gifts of enablement that **Jesus Christ** received and that **we** can receive from the Holy Spirit is referred to as "the Spirit of the Lord".

" <sup>1</sup> *There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.* <sup>2</sup> (1) **The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,** (2) *The Spirit of wisdom and* (3) *(the Spirit of) understanding,* (4) *The Spirit of counsel and* (5) *(the Spirit of) might,* (6) *The Spirit of knowledge and* (7) *(the Spirit of) the Fear (Reverence) of the LORD."* Isaiah 11:1-2 (New King James Version)

It is important to remember that the Lord knows our abilities and He will **never** call us to do anything without making His power available so that we can be successful. Again, if you would like to know more about the power of the Sevenfold Spirit of God, you may read the paper "THE POWER OF THE SEVENFOLD SPIRIT OF GOD" on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

The Spirit of the Lord gives us the ability to successfully accomplish anything He calls us to do. In the Old Testament we find that often times the Lord called someone to achieve a task. Then we find that "the Spirit of the Lord" rested upon them. The only difference we can find is that the people in the Old Testament were usually only given one or two of the gifts of the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit. We have reprinted a few of the scriptures below.

" <sup>9</sup> *And they cried to the Lord, who raised them up a saviour, and delivered them, to wit, Othoniel the son of Cenez, the younger brother of Caleb:* <sup>10</sup> *And **the spirit of the Lord** was in him, and he judged Israel. And he went out to fight, and the Lord delivered into his hands Chusan Rasathaim king of Syria, and he overthrew him."* Judges 3:9-10 (Douay-Rheims Version, New Catholic Edition)

" <sup>33</sup> *The Midianites, Amalekites, and other people from the east joined together to fight against the Israelites. They went across the Jordan River and camped in the Jezreel Valley.* <sup>34</sup> ***The Spirit of the LORD filled Gideon.** So Gideon blew a trumpet to call the family of Abiezer to follow him."* Judges 6:33-34 (Easy-To-Read Version)

" <sup>28</sup> *But the king of the Ammonites did not listen to the words of Jephthah that he sent to him.* <sup>29</sup> *Then **the Spirit of the LORD** was upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites."* Judges 11:28-29 (English Standard Version)

" <sup>5</sup> *So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother. When they had come to the vineyards of Timnah, a young lion came roaring to meet him.* <sup>6</sup> *But **the spirit of the LORD** came upon Samson, and although he had no weapons, he tore the lion in pieces as one tears a kid."* Judges 14:5-6 (New American Bible - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

<sup>5</sup> "After that you will come to the Hill of God where there are Philistine garrisons. When you arrive at the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place prophesying. They will be preceded by harps, tambourines, flutes, and lyres. <sup>6</sup> **The Spirit of the LORD** will control you, you will prophesy with them, and you will be transformed into a different person. <sup>7</sup> When these signs have happened to you, do whatever your circumstances require because God is with you." 1 Samuel 10:5-7 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

<sup>11</sup> Then he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse answered, "I still have the youngest son. He is out taking care of the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." <sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent and had his youngest son brought in. He was a fine boy, tanned and handsome. The Lord said to Samuel, "Go! Appoint him. He is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the container of olive oil. Then he poured oil on Jesse's youngest son to appoint him in front of his brothers. From that day on, **the Lord's Spirit** entered David **with power**. Samuel then went back to Ramah. <sup>14</sup> But **the Lord's Spirit** had gone out of Saul. And an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him." 1 Samuel 16:11-14 (International Children's Bible)

We can find scripture where Christ promised **access** to the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit to the members of His scriptural churches. Please note that Jesus was not speaking to the disciples of John the Baptist in Acts 1:7-8 even though most of the disciples of John the Baptist were just as saved as His disciples but they chose not to follow Jesus when He called them to be "fishers of men". <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "You don't need to know the time of those events that only the Father controls. <sup>8</sup> But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and **give you power**. Then you will tell **everyone** about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world." Acts 1:7-8 (Contemporary English Version)

We can also find in the scriptures where God intends to give the sevenfold power of His Spirit to the saved members of the Jewish Theocracy after they turn back to the Lord as a nation during the seven years of the Tribulation. This blessing will empower them to successfully witness for Him. <sup>28</sup> And it shall come to pass afterwards [that] **I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.** <sup>29</sup> Yea, even upon the bondmen and upon the handmaids in those days **will I pour out my Spirit.** <sup>30</sup> **And I will shew wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.** <sup>31</sup> **The sun shall be changed to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of Jehovah come.** <sup>32</sup> And it shall be that whosoever shall call upon the name of Jehovah shall be saved: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as Jehovah hath said, and for the residue whom Jehovah shall call." Joel 2:28-32 (Darby's Translation)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD says, "Listen now, Israel, my servant, my chosen people, the descendants of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> I am the LORD who created you; from the time you were born, I have helped you. Do not be afraid; you are my servant, my chosen people whom I love. <sup>3</sup> "I will give water to the thirsty land and make streams flow on the dry ground. **I will pour out my spirit** on your children and my blessing on your descendants. <sup>4</sup> They will thrive like well-watered grass, like willows by streams of running water." Isaiah 44:1-4 (Today's English Version)

There is **third** important point we would like to mention so that you can be a highly successful soul winner. We fear it is not taught in many churches today because most church members are afraid they will be accused of being "charismatic". The members of Christ's scriptural churches need to daily petition the Holy Spirit to **keep** them filled with the sevenfold power and illumination of the Holy Spirit so that they can **excel** in doing the work Christ commissioned them to do in Matthew 28:16-20. This, of course, has nothing to do with salvation but is applicable to service. In addition, may we call your attention to the fact that once **the members of the church in Jerusalem** received the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, that was all they needed to be successful in fulfilling the commission **they** had been given. No wonder **so few** of the members of Christ's scriptural churches today experience success in fulfilling **their commission**. Despite their good intentions, they are **not** following the instructions Jesus Christ gave the church in Jerusalem!

Instead of seeking and using the sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit as Jesus Christ did, they are depending upon programs of one sort or the other to be successful in (1) reaching the lost for Christ, (2) baptizing them into their membership and (3) teaching them the things Christ taught His disciples. Because of that, we find the membership has **little success in** (1) **reaching the lost**, (2) **experiencing an increase of their membership** and (3) **they are experiencing a dwindling membership of knowledgeable teachers**. Some of Christ's scriptural churches have lost **all** their knowledgeable teachers who will "dig out" the truth of the Lord's Word and share it with their classes and **their congregations** and because of that, they depend upon literature that their association or their convention provides. Often times the students, in their "classes", simply take turns reading paragraphs of "the day's lesson" and the next day they know no more of what was read than when they came to church Sunday morning. **BUT THEY DID THEIR DUTY! THEY CAME TO "CHURCH"!**

They just keep repeating "fluff" in their literature and in their classes instead of the meat of God's Divine Word that will cause the members to **acknowledge** their responsibilities. They reach the point where the attitude within that church is, "we are rich and have need of nothing". When that happens, that church forces Jesus Christ out and He will not even be present when they claim to be dining with Him (the Lord's Supper). Jesus Christ told us that He will find most of **His** churches in that condition when He returns for the "Catching Up" (the Rapture) at the end of the Church Age..

*" 14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: " 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation, says this: 15 "I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. 16 So, because you are **lukewarm**, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, 'I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,' and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. 18 I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) **I will enter** his house **and dine** with him, and he with me. 21 I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself first won the victory and sit with my*

*Father on his throne." Revelation 3:14-21 (New American Bible - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

Again, may we remind you that the individual members of Christ's scriptural churches need to daily petition the Holy Spirit to **keep** them filled with the sevenfold **power** and **illumination** of the Holy Spirit so that they can **excel** in doing the work Christ commissioned them to do in Matthew 28:16-20. This, of course, has nothing to do with salvation but is needed for **exceptional service**. Alas, we fear that there never been a time when some of you **have ever** asked the Lord to fill you with the sevenfold power and illumination of the Holy Spirit, much less ask Him to fill you again when, because of sin in your life, you lost the power. **Again, we are not speaking about "charismatic gifts"!**

What in the world makes you think you can be successful in your ministry when it was necessary for Jesus Christ to be filled with Holy Spirit Power in order for Him to be successful in **His** earthly ministry? What in the world makes you think you can be successful in your ministry when it was necessary for Jesus Christ, in Acts 1:4-5, to tell His disciples **they must** wait in Jerusalem to receive Holy Spirit Power before they attempted to fulfill the commission He had given them! EVERY DAY, BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING FOR THE LORD, YOU SHOULD STOP, TURN TO THE LORD IN PRAYER, AND REQUEST THE LORD TO FILL YOU **AGAIN** WITH THE SEVENFOLD POWER OF HIS SPIRIT! Please note in the scriptures printed below that it is possible for the individual members of a local, scriptural church to lose the **sevenfold power** and **illumination of the Holy Spirit**. When that happens, of course, the members would not lose their salvation because, again, this has nothing to do with salvation but is needed for **outstanding service**.

*" 1 "Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus: "The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks among the **seven** gold **lampstands** says: 2 I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. 3 You also possess endurance and have tolerated [many things ]because of My name and have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love [you had ]at first. 5 Remember then how far you have fallen; **repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.** 6 Yet you do have this: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 "Anyone who has an ear should listen to 13 what the Spirit says to the churches. I will give the victor the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in God's paradise." Revelation 2:1-7 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

The early church in Jerusalem experienced a loss of the power of the Holy Spirit they had received on the day of Pentecost and the members had to request the power again. *" 19 But Peter and John answering said to them, If it be righteous before God to listen to you rather than to God, judge ye; 20 for as for us we cannot refrain from speaking of the things which we have seen and heard. 21 But they, having further threatened them, let them go, finding no way how they might punish them, on account of the people, because all glorified God for what had taken place; 22 for the man on whom this sign of healing had taken place was above forty years old. 23 And having been let go, they came to their own [company], and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 And they, having heard [it], lifted up [their] voice with one accord*

to God, and said, Lord, thou art the God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them; 25 who hast said by the mouth of thy servant David, Why have [the] nations raged haughtily and [the] peoples meditated vain things? 26 The kings of the earth were there, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ. 27 For in truth against thy holy servant Jesus, whom thou hadst anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with [the] nations, and peoples of Israel, have been gathered together in this city 28 to do whatever thy hand and thy counsel had determined before should come to pass. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings, and **give to thy bondmen with all boldness to speak thy word**, 30 in that thou stretchest out thy hand to heal, and that signs and wonders take place through the name of thy holy servant Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled shook, and they were all filled **with Holy Spirit power** (There is no Greek definite article here), and spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:19-31 (Darby)

The lamp holder in the tabernacle held seven lamps. It was the only source of illumination within the tabernacle for the Lord's priests to perform their duties just as the Holy Spirit is supposed to be the source of illumination needed in order for Christ's churches to perform their duties. As we continue with this paper, please notice that the Spirit of Jehovah in Isaiah 11:2 was listed alone (like the center stem of the lamp holder) while the other six were listed in pairs.

" 1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of His roots. (1) 2 The Spirit of the LORD (Jehovah) shall rest upon Him, (2) The Spirit of Wisdom 14 **and** (3) (the Spirit of) Understanding, (4) the Spirit of Counsel **and** (5) (the Spirit of) Might, (6) the Spirit of Knowledge **and** (7) the Spirit of the Fear (Reverence) of the Lord." (New King James Version)

Again, when Jesus Christ ascended back to Heaven, He told **the church in Jerusalem** not to go out and attempt to make disciples until they received power from the Holy Spirit. " 1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with Holy Spirit Power (there is no Greek definite article here) not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**" 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:1-9 (New King James Version)

At first, the early members of the church in Jerusalem did not have the Bible to confirm what they were sharing since the last book (Revelation) was not completed until about 40 years after Jesus Christ ascended back to the Throne Room of God, the Third Heaven. Therefore, according to Hebrews 2:1-4, we see that God confirmed the message

the members of the early, scriptural churches shared by giving them the power to exercise signs, wonders, different miracles and other gifts of Holy Spirit power. " <sup>1</sup> *On this account it is a necessity in the nature of the case for us to give heed more abundantly to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should drift past them. For in view of the fact that the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every over-stepping of the line and neglecting to hear received a just recompense of reward, how is it possible for us to escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which salvation is of such a character as to have begun to be spoken at the first by the Lord, and was **confirmed** to us by those who heard Him, **God also bearing joint-testimony with them**, both with attesting miracles and miracles of a startling, imposing, amazement-waking character, and with variegated miracles, and with distributions from the Holy Spirit according to His will?" (Wuest New Testament: An Expanded Translation)*

Some of those gifts, however, were temporary and were only given until the perfect Word of God was completed. If you would like to know more about the permanent gifts and the temporary gifts, we invite you to read the paper "Tongues" on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

<sup>8</sup> *But whether there are utterances given by a person consisting of divine revelations he has received, **they shall cease**; whether languages, **they shall stop**, whether knowledge, **it shall be done away**; for we know in a partial, fragmentary, incomplete way, and we utter divine revelations in the same way. But whenever **that which is complete** comes, that which is incomplete and fragmentary will be done away. When I was a child I was accustomed to speak as a child. I used to understand as a child. I was accustomed to reason as a child. When I have become a man and have the status of an adult, I have permanently put away the things of a child, for we are seeing now by means of a mirror obscurely, but then, face to face. Now I know only in a fragmentary fashion, but then I shall fully know even as also I was known. But now there remains faith, hope, love; these three. But the greatest of these is this previously mentioned, love. 1 Corinthians 13:8 (Wuest New Testament: An Expanded Translation)*

One of the main reasons we cannot be a successful witness without special Holy Spirit power is that we are not capable of convicting a person of sin and calling them to come to the Lord for salvation. **That is the work of the Holy Spirit.** No wonder so many of us fail when we attempt to witness in the pulpit, in the classroom and in the homes. We are attempting to do it on our own! It is our firm wish that now that you are aware of your need to be an associate of Christ, today will be the first day of your life as a successful, powerful witness and partner.