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The promise of Power

‘We are promised power.’

(John 14:12 & Acts 1:8)

Intro: We find in these two verses, a wonderful truth for all the Redeemed of the Lord. This is a powerful promise that God has promised _____ is willing to do for us. This is not something He promised to be given that we may misuse and abuse His divine power and authority.

1. There is the _____ issue – **John 15:5**; “**I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**”
2. Then there is the need for the _____ – **John 16:7**; “**Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** “

Can you imagine if God simply gave us the ability to do “greater works” than Christ did when He was ministering among us until His mission was complete. There was nothing that Jesus could not do, however He _____ to limit the use of His unlimited powers. The times in which Christ did supernatural works was to authenticate that He was;

1. In deed the very Son of God, the Messiah -
2. That He came in fulfillment of the O. T. prophecies – **John 5:39**; “**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**”

Jesus fulfilled _____ He came to accomplish, His mission was to give sinners a means of escaping their bondage to sin, (**1Corinthians 2:12** - “**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**”

XII, God has promised us power – John 14:12.

- A. The setting is Jesus speaking to His disciples and informing them that He is going to be leaving them. **John 14:1 – 6.**
 1. They had been following Him for three years, heard Him preach, teach, witnessed miracles and had even been challenged to go out and do great things – **Matthew 10:1.**
 2. Again, He sent out other seventy – **Luke 10:1 – 17 – Note verse 17.**

B. There is the what -

1. They would be able to do the works He had done in His earthly ministry.
2. They would be commissioned to _____ further than Christ reach – **Jeremiah 50:6 & Matthew 15:24.**
3. They would reach beyond both in geography and in _____ with Gospel. Because they would be given the Great Commission – **Mark 16:15.**

C. Then there is the reason –

1. **John 14:12b** – “because I go unto my Father.”
2. You’ll need to have such power as is necessary to carry out the _____ I have begun. (**Luke Lu 24:49** – “**And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high**”)
3. At this time Jesus promised He would send the Holy Spirit to _____ them – **John 14:15 – 17. Acts 1:7 & 8.**
4. Jesus knew they would face fierce _____ from their own and those places where the Gospel would be preached then and until Jesus comes again. **Matthew 10:16 – 23.**
5. Following Pentecost, the disciples preached _____ – **Acts 4:13.**
6. Their work would be greater in _____ than when Christ was with them and they would accomplish greater things than they did when Christ physically present.

D. We can do _____ than what most of us are doing for the Lord and the question is asked – **Matthew 5:47** – “**And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others?* do not even the publicans so?”**

E. We are like men as they, we have been redeemed as they were, indwelt with the Holy Spirit of God as they were, and as they did more is there any reason we can’t do more than we do? Jesus says we can!