

Ghost Stories: Power

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." **Luke 1:34-35**

"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 1:8**

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. **Romans 8:11**

"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." **John 16:7**

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." **John 14:12**

Healing is _____ while forgiveness of sins is _____.

#1 The Holy Spirit gives us the power to grow in _____.

Before we become a Christian, the Holy Spirit is working _____ us.

Once we come to Jesus, the Holy Spirit is _____ us.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want." **Galatians 5:16-17**

#2 The Holy Spirit gives us the power to make a difference through _____.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. **Romans 12:6-8**

#3 The Holy Spirit gives us the power to _____ Jesus _____.

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

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being... **Ephesians 3:16**