

# May the Holy Ghost Empower Your Lives

## Romans 15:13-16

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### Review: Faith in Grace to Works

#### A. What it is to live by faith

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

#### B. Living the life of faith in the church

Rom 12:5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...

Rom 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

#### C. Living the life of faith toward all men

Rom 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

#### D. Living in the kingdom of Jesus—while still in the world's kingdoms

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

#### E. Living for Christ—and not for self

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

#### F. Ruled by your brother's feelings (in things indifferent)

Rom 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

Rom 14:14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

Rom 14:15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

#### G. Living for the weak—as opposed to living for self

Rom 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Rom 15:2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

#### H. Receiving others—as Christ received you

Rom 15:7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

#### I. If you believe and do these things in Romans—You will abound in hope

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

- The Christian's potential of being filled with all joy and peace in a troubled world
- The potential lies in believing the Book of Romans enough to start doing the book
- In believing and doing the Book of Romans comes joy, peace and abounding hope

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

## May the Holy Ghost Empower Your Lives

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Rom 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

Rom 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

### I. The wonder in the words of our text

#### A. The wonder of the realness of the Holy Ghost

—Through the power of the Holy Ghost

—Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost

#### B. The wonder of the effects of the Holy Ghost

—Fill you with all joy and peace in believing

—That ye may abound in hope

—Ye also are full of goodness

—Filled with all knowledge

—Able also to admonish one another

#### C. The wonder of a preacher empowered by the Holy Ghost

—I myself am persuaded of you

—I have written the more boldly

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—That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ

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—That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable

### II. The wonder of the realness of the Holy Ghost

#### A. Through the power of the Holy Ghost

##### 1. Jesus' promise of living power through the Holy Ghost

Joh 14:16 And **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

Joh 16:7 ...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.**

Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise** of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth** this, which ye now see and hear.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For **the promise is unto you**, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

##### 2. Preaching power

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in **the power of God**.

### 3. Life changing power

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through **the power of the Holy Ghost**.

#### B. *Being sanctified by the Holy Ghost*

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation **through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth**:

Joh 17:17 **Sanctify them through thy truth**: thy word is truth.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, **sanctified, and meet for the master's use**, and prepared unto every good work.

### III. The wonder of the effects of the Holy Ghost

#### A. *Fill you with all joy and peace in believing*

Gal 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, **joy, peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and **peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost**.

Isa 55:12 For **ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace**: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

Joh 14:1 **Let not your heart be troubled**: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you**: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. **Let not your heart be troubled**, neither let it be afraid.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be **filled with the Spirit**;

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and **making melody in your heart** to the Lord

#### B. *That ye may abound in hope*

2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* **everlasting consolation and good hope** through grace,

Job 19:25 For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

Job 19:26 And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, **yet in my flesh shall I see God**:

Job 19:27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; *though* my reins be consumed within me.

1Th 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and **patience of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father...

1Th 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance...

1Th 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

1Th 1:7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

1Th 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

1Th 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

1Th 1:10 And **to wait for his Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

#### C. *Ye also are full of goodness*

Rom 3:12 ...there is **none that doeth good, no, not one**.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, **goodness**, faith,

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people,  
**zealous of good works.**

#### D. *Filled with all knowledge*

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to **desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge** of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, **and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 **May be able to comprehend** with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 **And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

#### E. *Able also to admonish one another*

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and **exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.**

Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Tit 2:4 **That they may teach the young women** to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Tit 2:5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Heb 10:24 And let us **consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:**

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but **exhorting one another:** and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

### IV. The wonder of a preacher empowered by the Holy Ghost

#### A. *I myself am persuaded of you* (A preacher's persuasion is to be persuaded of you)

Heb 6:9 But, beloved, **we are persuaded better things of you**, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

2Ti 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and **I am persuaded that in thee also.**

1Th 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1Th 1:4 **Knowing**, brethren beloved, **your election of God.**

Phm 1:21 **Having confidence in thy obedience** I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.

Php 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, **that I have not run in vain**, neither laboured in vain.

Php 2:17 Yea, and **if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith**, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

#### B. *I have written the more boldly* (Not in arrogance, shame, or fear, but in boldness)

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Act 4:13 Now when they saw **the boldness of Peter and John**, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may **open my mouth boldly**, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Php 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that with all boldness*, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

2Ti 1:8 **Be not thou therefore ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

#### C. *As putting you in mind* (As a man thinketh, so is he)

1Ti 4:6 If thou **put the brethren in remembrance** of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which **effectually worketh** also in you that believe.

**Rom 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed **by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**D. The grace that is given to me of God** (Grace gives gifts to serve)

**Eph 3:7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of **the grace of God given unto me** by the effectual working of his power.

**1Co 15:10** But **by the grace of God I am what I am**: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: **yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me**.

**Rom 12:6** Having then **gifts differing according to the grace that is given** to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

**Rom 12:7** Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

**Rom 12:8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

**E. That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ** (God calls ministers to serve)

**Act 9:15** ...he is **a chosen vessel unto me**, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

**Act 13:2** As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work** whereunto I have called them.

**2Co 5:20** Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**F. Ministering the gospel of God** (Ministers are to serve the gospel to the people)

**1Th 2:4** But as we were allowed of God to be **put in trust with the gospel**, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

**Act 20:24** But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and **the ministry, which I have received** of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

**G. That the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable** (Believers offer themselves)

**Rom 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

**2Co 8:5** And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but **first gave their own selves to the Lord...**

**1Pe 2:5** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, **to offer up spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.