



“Presence and Power”

Part 1 of 1 - Standalone Sermon

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 9:00am & 11:00 AM

Latham Campus

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit wants you to embrace his Presence and operate in his Power.

John 14:16-17 (NIV), “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

I. Presence: The Holy Spirit is With Us

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV), “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;”

What would change about your thoughtlife if you understood that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

What would change about your heart and feelings, if you embraced that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?

What would change about your behavior and actions, if you operated like your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?

The Presence of the Holy Spirit should radically change who we are.

Romans 8:9-12 (NIV) “You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

II. Power: The Holy Spirit Gives Us Power

Acts 1:8 (NIV), "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Ezekiel 37:14 (NIV), "*I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.*"

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NIV), "*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*"

A. Power in Our Character

Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

B. Power in Our Prayers

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV), "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

C. Power in Our Words

1 Corinthians 2:4 (NIV), "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,"

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The worst thing we can do is to put the power of God confined in a box of our own comfort.

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