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# **The Missing Ingredient**





# Most Outrageous Bible Verse

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- <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and [a]the *life* **which I now live in the flesh** *I live by faith in the Son of God,* who loved me and gave Himself up for me.  
Galatians 2:20

- **but Christ lives in me;**

- What other world religion makes that claim?



# The Promise

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- **8 but you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- **and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



# Power Encounters

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The Holy Spirit will give  
you the ability to tell  
what *you have*  
*experienced* - with  
*miraculous* results!!!!



# Paul's Simple Strategy

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- And when I came to you, brethren, **I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom**, proclaiming to you the [a]testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined to know nothing among you **except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified**. <sup>3</sup> **I was with you in weakness** and in fear and in much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my [b]message and my preaching were **not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power**, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith would not [c]rest on the wisdom of men, **but on the power of God**.



# Acts 4 - Aftermath

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- 4 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple *guard* and the **Sadducees** came up to them, <sup>2</sup> being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming [a]in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the [b]message believed; and the **number of the men came to be about five thousand.**



# More Aftermath

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- On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; <sup>6</sup> and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. <sup>7</sup> When they had placed them in the center, they *began to inquire*, **“By what power, or in what name, have you done this?”** <sup>8</sup> **Then Peter, [c]filled with the Holy Spirit,** said to them, “[d]Rulers and elders of the people, <sup>9</sup> if we are [e]on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, [f]as to how this man has been made well, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that [g]by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—[h]by [i]this *name* this man stands here before you in good health. <sup>11</sup> [i]He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*. <sup>12</sup> **And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved!!!!!!!!!!”**





# One Simple Key Ingredient

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- “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit ....”
- How might things have turned out without this one simple ingredient?
- What benefits/results came from being filled with the Holy Spirit?
- How did he know, how did anyone know he was being filled with the Holy Spirit? How does this work? (if WORK is the right term)
- What if we changed one word?
- “Then, (your name), filled with the Holy Spirit ...”



# Outrageously Amazing Message!!

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY