

Embracing the Supernatural

Christmas Blessings – Part 3

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2 Timothy 3:5 (ESV) having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Acts 1:4-5 (ESV) And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 2:17 (ESV) “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

1. _____ the Holy Spirit

Luke 1:39-40 (ESV) In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:41-42 (ESV) And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Luke 1:43-45 (ESV) And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

2. _____ through the Spirit

Luke 1:46-47 (ESV) And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

Luke 1:48 (ESV) for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Luke 1:49-50 (ESV) for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

3. Believe in the Spirit’s _____

Luke 1:51 (ESV) He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

Luke 1:52-53 (ESV) he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

Luke 1:54-55 (ESV) He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Luke 1:56 (ESV) And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Weekly Healing Scripture

John 14:13-14 (ESV) Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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Intro. In what ways is God a supernatural God today?

Why do some people have an appearance of godliness, but deny God's power (2 Timothy 3:5)?

Why did Jesus' followers have to wait before carrying out the Great Commission (Acts 1:4-5)?

How does Acts 2:17 disprove the idea that God's spiritual gifts are no longer operative today?

1A. Why do you think that Mary hurried to visit Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-40)?

1B. Explain the various ways that the Holy Spirit was active in Luke 1:41-42.

1C. What does Luke 1:43-45 tell us about the personhood of the unborn?

1D. Why is it important for every believer to seek to be continually filled with the Spirit?

2A. How was the young girl Mary able to speak the words recorded in Luke 1:46-47 and following?

2B. What do these words tell us about Mary's understanding of God's plan for her life (Luke 1:48)?

2C. What are the things that Mary is praising God for in her own life (Luke 1:46-50)?

2D. How can you grow in thanking and praising God in every situation in life?

3A. Why is it important to believe in the Spirit's power beyond our own lives (Luke 1:51)?

3B. In what ways does Mary's prophesy speak to God's reversal of roles in His kingdom (Luke 1:52-53)?

3C. How are we a part of God's family stretching back to Abraham (Luke 1:54-55)?

3D. How can you grow in believing in the Spirit's power in our world today?