

We have a power we known not of...

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Most of us are convinced because of our experience that we have no power concerning the future beyond what a normal human being has...Most of us are certain that our future is unknown or unknowable to us...

Most of us are sure that no one has control or power over their future except some who seem to be able **to peer into the future** and tell us what is going to happen...we know of Bible Prophets whose prophecies are a **major proof** of the Christ and the gospel as being God inspired.

Yet we are all fascinated by our own future or the future of the world...When Jesus spoke to his disciples about the future they were **all drawn to attention**. They believed that when Jesus spoke about the future he was telling them the truth...often Jesus envisioned the future for example:

John 1:48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**"

Mr 11:2 and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered **it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat**. Loose it and bring *it*."

Jesus also told the disciples that they'd find a man carrying a water pot, follow him to the place where'd they eat the Passover in an upper room fully furnished.

Mt 26:21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **one of you will betray Me.**"

Jesus predicted that Judas would betray him. Jesus predicted many times that he would suffer at the hands of the Jewish leaders, be put to death, but raise again on the third day. Jesus also told the disciples about the coming destruction of the Temple, the scattering of the Jewish people abroad and the days of the tribulation period.

Jesus was **not limited in his vision** as a mere man would be but through the power and relationship he had through the Holy Spirit saw the future. This was a prominent expression of His anointing, His Messianic position, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in Him as a man.

What is more Jesus not only predicted the future **He managed it too:**

John 12:38 **that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled**, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"

John 13:18 "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; **but that the Scripture may be fulfilled**, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.'

Jesus knew the scriptures and although he could not *as a human being* control all of the prophetic things concerning the Messiah such as the place of his birth, type of birth, when He'd be born, the events surrounding His birth such as the shining Star, the Magi visiting from a far etc...**the things that He could manage he did...Jesus was a willing accomplish** to the prophet material

concerning his ministry, healing, teaching parables, places he traveled, such as Galilee, the choice of apostles including the one he knew would betray him, the destination of Jerusalem to be crucified at the right place and time...There were times that people tried to kill him prior to his time for the cross and as the this scripture testifies he managed it:

Luke 4:28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,
29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.
30 **Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.**

Jesus walked in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit in many ways as we all know such as healing the sick, casting out demons, walking on water, calming the winds and the waves, avoiding death from mobs; however, there is also the supernatural life of **His vision to see the future and the power to manage it.**

The Same Works!

Then Jesus turns to us and says in John 14:12 **“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**

I know that we have mostly applied this to healing, delivering, and casting out demons as the **Great Commission** (Matt. 28:20) includes but now I want to present to you another area that I’m going to call **crazy grace!**

When God created man and gave Him dominion we often think in natural terms such as being smarter than the animals, being able to use tools and create ways and means to tame, control, or exploit our environment. Yet, God's original intent was not limited to natural means they were supposed to be secondary. When we witness Jesus operating under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit **we must see that He was the epitome of what God had intended for us.** Jesus was and is our example of what true dominion under the power of the Spirit looks like.

With this in mind consider then what that means to us. We have been given the same commission, the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead (Rom. 8:11); we've been given His name, authority, power, and presence **all of which restored what had been originally lost in the fall in the garden.** We, in Christ, in His Spirit, in His name, go to do the very same things taking up our place in His stead. **Fundamentally whatever Christ did, the very works that he did, we have the same Spirit to do in us.**

This means we have been given God's Spirit to act in divine ways through the same relationship that Jesus had while here on the earth. Jesus said that everything He did and said was by the Father's will and powered by the Holy Spirit.

Mt 12:28 **"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

By the Same Spirit we are to operate within the Will of God, doing what Jesus did in His name. **In essence, God has made us as god in this world.**

Ps 82:6 I said, "**You are gods**, and all of you *are* children of the Most High.

John 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, '**I said, "You are gods"?"**'"

We do not become the *source of divinity* as if we actually become God, we are gods in the sense that we are God's servants using His power to accomplish what He would accomplish if He were a man incarnate upon the earth—As Jesus was. We are His channels, His vessels, His tools, who govern in His name in the way, truth, and life that His will demands. We are authorized, we are empowered, and we are **commissioned to be His delegated representatives to do what He would do**. We know what God would do if He were man operating in the position He has given us. He came and showed us His name is Jesus.

This means then as gods empowered by the Same Spirit we have the same gifts that Jesus operated in. **In this case we have the same Spirit to envision the future and to manage it**. In other words, as God knows and determines His future He has granted us through His Word and power of His Spirit to know and determine our future. We are to know God's will and we are to know God's Word and we are to know and manage our future as unto God. **This is crazy grace!**

How is this done? What does this look like? All of us need to study Jesus and follow His example. **We have been given power that we do not know of...**but we can change that by understanding what God has done. In the same way that God has already decided to save us, heal us, provide for us, **subjecting His Spirit and power to our faith that is in agreement with His Will,**

so also God has decided to give us His divine gifts to know and manage our future.

Most of us respond to this in a natural way thinking this is crazy. Most of us say “No way” to this as outlandish and farfetched, too much...

We are all Prophets!

Consider then some very strong themes other than the perfect example we have in Christ. First, consider that one of the **gifts of the Holy Spirit is to prophesy** (Acts 2:17). Prophecy means to publically speak, expound, and declare the Word of God! This prophetic ministry means that we have been given the **authority to speak what God would speak** into this world and our lives. We have been given Jesus as our Lord and Savior and His very being is the Spirit of prophecy:

Re 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! **For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**"

Jesus is the Word made flesh (John1:1) and **the word is eternal, all powerful, everywhere present, and able to save us from this fallen world.** This same Jesus dwells in us through the Spirit and when we speak **as the oracles of God** (I Pet. 4:11), we are operating in the same **prophetic office** that Jesus did! **When we speak the Word of God through His grace by faith we are authorizing God's Will into our lives and the world around us.**

This means that we are applying God's will **that was already decided** when God spoke His Word to come to pass. We are therefore operating **as gods** to change the fallen world around us to line up with God's Will. That means that we are changing the present by the eternal Word of God that exists from the past, in the present, **and affects the future.**

We affect our future by taking the Word of God and declaring it into our lives! What most of us have done and lived by *is speaking what we have*. We see what is going on around us and *give it recognition and authority* in our lives by speaking about these things. What we need to do is **use our tongue to say what God says** and change the present by applying God's grace to us. **God's crazy grace** means that we as mere men filled with the Holy Spirit and **convinced about God's intentions**, declare and speak God's Word into our lives. We can know the future because God's will and Word **is our future**. We know that Jesus taught us to pray, *"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."* which means that the future state of the restoration of all things has invaded this fallen world by our exercising faith in what God gave us.

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and **desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy**.

1Co 14:31 **For you can all prophesy one by one**, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1Co 14:39 Therefore, **brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy**, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

Holy Spirit's Ministry to Us is to Show us things to Come!

Consider also that the ministry of the Holy Spirit includes showing us the future!

John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, **but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**

What Seed's Do!

Consider this amazing truth! The Word of God is imperishable seed and as seed it has within itself the power to produce itself! Jesus is the Word of God; The Word of God is incorruptible seed!

1Pe 1:23 having been born again, **not of corruptible seed but incorruptible**, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

The Law of Genesis declares that everything reproduces after its own kind (Gen. 1:11) and that God gave us seed to reproduce and fill the earth. When the seed of anything, plant, animal, or man is lost it becomes extinct; however, the Word of God is eternal and all powerful therefore it will never lose its power or cease to exist. What do seeds represent? **All seeds represent the future.** When we plant apple seeds we know what the future of that plant will be! We know it will be an apple tree that will produce apples with seeds! We see this all the time around us but because of our fallen nature we do not grasp the meaning of it. God has placed all around us this law of seed, time, and harvest (Gen. 8:22). This is true in the physical realm it is most certainly true of the spiritual realm that created it!

How It's Done!

When we speak God's word (understanding His grace has already provided for us in His promises) mixed with our faith it releases and plants God's Word as seed into our lives. **There are provisions** in that we must not destroy that seed's power in our lives by speaking contrary things against it. We must water that seed, meditate upon, remain steadfast and true giving it time to plant, time to grow, and then time to manifest. **We therefore have the right to declare our future through God's Word.** We can know our future by knowing God's word! We can see the future by fellowshiping in God's Spirit. This is the inheritance of the saints!

Conclusion: Remember this important point!

God's Word is already established, it exists, and its truth, way, and life already exist in the unseen spirit realm around us. We are not creating a new thing, **we are taking what God has already given**, done, placed at our disposal and applying it to our lives. For example healing, we are already healed in the spirit realm, our healing or health already exists, what we are doing is authorizing **God's Truth** in our lives over what we have at present. God's will is not done on the earth because we are not exercising it properly. God will not override our wills to accomplish His. His Will is for us to take his word and declare it, trusting His faithfulness to manifest it according to the power of the Spirit!

John 14:13 "**And whatever you ask in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

The Word “ask” means to call for, declare, even demand, not of God but that God’s Will is done! How is it done? It is done by the *Spirit of God* that dwells in us! The proof that Jesus gave of God’s call on His life is also to be our proof listen to His argument to the Pharisees:

John10: 35 **“If He called them gods**, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),
36 “do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?
37 **“If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;**
38 “but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.”

Likewise, as proof that God is in us, AND WE ARE IN HIM, we can speak God’s Word into this realm, into our heart, into the needs of this cursed and fallen world because God has already spoken to these needs! We can know and manage the future by accessing God’s eternal Word on our behalf. The obvious condition is **that WE ARE IN HIM TOO!** God’s word is faithful and true in the Spirit. If we are not successful at transferring God’s Word into our realm it is because we are still operating as mere men—we are still bound by natural things as these verses explain...

I Cor. 2:14 But **the natural man does not receive** the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

And...

Ro 8:6 **For to be carnally minded is death**, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

It becomes important then to ***understand how to be spiritually minded, spirit filled, and how to abide*** in Him in order to work this power that we've known not of...

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