



The Gospel According to Jesus Is A Gospel of Power! - By Karen Sue Nyquist

1. **What is the gospel according to Jesus?** - It is “the good news” that God gave us.
a. **Jesus explained** - “Then He (*Jesus*) said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the **Christ** (*Greek for the Messiah*) to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you (*His disciples*) are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father (*the Holy Spirit*) upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until **you are endued with power** from on high (*power of the Holy Spirit from heaven*)” (Luke 24:46-49). Jesus wants to save each of us from our sins. He is called the **Savior of the World** (1 John 4:14).

b. **John, one of Jesus’ followers, wrote** - “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

2. **What do we need to do to be saved and not perish?**

a. **Jesus said**, “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ... Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes in Me** has everlasting life.” ... The people answered, ... “Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:44, 47, 69). Jesus also said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... unless one is born of water and the (*Holy*) Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:3, 5).

b. **Peter, one of Jesus’ Followers, said**, “Then Peter said to them, ‘**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38-39). When you accept Jesus, His Holy Spirit will come inside of you!

3. **What does Jesus want His followers to do?** - Jesus wants us to do what He did!

a. **Jesus wants to have a relationship with you!** - He wants to be both your Lord (John 13:13) and your friend (John 15:15).

b. **Jesus said**, “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. And whatever you ask (*pray*) in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. If you **love Me, keep My commandments**. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth (*the Holy Spirit*)” (John 14:12-16). **Pray until you are filled with the Holy Spirit, known as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!**

c. **Jesus said**, “**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature** (*person*). He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16).

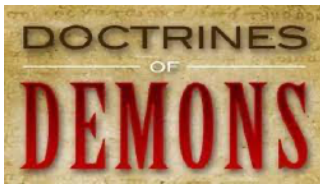
d. **Jesus said**, “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will **cast out demons**; they will **speak with new tongues**; they will take up serpents (*God’s protection/power against demons*); and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them (*God’s protection*); they will **lay hands on the sick, and they will recover**” (Mark 16:17-18).

4. **Wow! After I am filled with the Holy Spirit, what happens next?**

a. **Power to Overcome Sin** - If we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, He will help us stop sinning, doing those things that please our “flesh.” “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, **and the like**; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:19-21).

b. **Power to Develop the “Fruit of the Spirit”** - The Holy Spirit will help us become more godly, more like the Lord Jesus. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (*patience*), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).





c. Power to Work in the “Gifts of the Spirit” -

The Holy Spirit will start working through you. “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit

of all: for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**” (1 Corinthians 12:7-10). These gifts are used to **help other people** and to pray powerfully, fighting in **spiritual warfare** (Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

5. Wow! This gospel of Jesus is powerful! Why haven't I heard about this power before?

a. Many people are deceived about the power in the gospel of Jesus -Through the centuries, the demons have deceived people about Jesus' gospel. "... that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels (*fallen angels, demons, devils, deceiving spirits*) were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9). He lies, causing people to doubt the power of the gospel. **Why?** Jesus came to "destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8), and wants us to continue doing so. Destroying Satan's works improves our families, communities, nations, the world! Satan lies to stop us.

b. We are in the “Last Days!” - “But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come**: For men will be ... **having a form of godliness but denying its power**. And **from such people turn away!**” (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Satan's lies are called . . .

c. Doctrines of Demons - “Now the (*Holy*) Spirit expressly says that in latter times (*last days*) some will depart from the faith (*the full gospel*), giving heed to **deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies** in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron” (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Some of these doctrines say the days of miracles and healings have passed away. One lie says that speaking in tongues is of the devil. Another says that only church leaders can do these signs, not all believers. One doctrine says that the devil and demons don't exist. Still another teaches that people can't have demons, so there's no need to cast them out of people. Jesus said He is coming back and asked if He would “find faith on the earth” (Luke 18:8) when He returns. Jesus also said, “... My words will not pass away” (Matthew 24:35), but they will remain true. Peter warned that in the last days, people would scoff, not believing in Jesus' return (2 Peter 3:3-4), accepting one more of Satans' lying, deceiving doctrines. Will you have faith?

6. What will you believe, doctrines of demons or Jesus' gospel of power? - Do you want to be the kind of Jesus follower that: 1) has a relationship with Jesus, 2) has the power of the Holy Spirit, 3) is overcoming your sins, 4) has a godly character (Fruit of the Spirit), 5) works in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help others, 6) prays powerfully in spiritual warfare, and 7) is even destroying the works of the devil, improving your family, community, nation, and the world? If so, pray to God telling Him you want this kind of faith.

Suggested Prayer: “Dear Heavenly Father, I so want to believe Your gospel of power. I repent of my sins and want to receive Jesus as my Lord, Savior, and Friend. I will get baptized in water. I need Your power in my life to overcome my sins and to have the Fruit of the Spirit, so I will have a better, more godly character. Please, fill me with Your powerful Holy Spirit and give me His gifts, so I can help others. I even want to do powerful prayers for spiritual warfare, destroying the works of the devil and improving the world. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!”

7. Congratulations! Now, to steadily improve your relationship with Jesus, spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly so you can get to know God better. **GOD BLESS YOU!**

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