



ALIVE IN GRACE

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TITLE: The Protocol for Power

"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," (Ephesians 3:16–20)

INTRODUCTION _____

Protocol—specific guidelines for correct conduct that must be followed

Power—a supernatural enabling by the Holy Spirit that causes results out of our ability and imagination

1. The _____ from the Protocol

A. Divine Illumination

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:" (Ephesians 1:17)

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13)

- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to discern.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to detect.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to direct.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the ability to declare.

B. A Powerful Witness

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

- A loving boldness
- A loving burden
- A loving bridge

C. Victory over Sin

"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." (Romans 8:13)

- Only the Holy Spirit can bring down our Jericho/Goliath.
- Only the Holy Spirit can conquer lust.
- Only the Holy Spirit can tame the tongue.
- Only the Holy Spirit can renew the mind.

D. Supernatural Forgiveness

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep." (Acts 7:55, 59-60)

- The Holy Spirit allows us to erase debt that others owe us.
- The Holy Spirit carries us beyond our past.

E. Everything We Ever Wanted To Be

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22-23, 25)

- Loving
- Joyful
- Peaceful
- Longsuffering
- Gentleness
- Good
- Faithful
- Meek
- Temperate

F. Christ Is Exalted

- Wherever Christ is exalted, the Holy Spirit is doing it.
- The entire ministry of the Holy Spirit is to bring men to Christ and to conform believers to the image of Christ.

2. The _____ from the Protocol

A. Brokenness in Your Will

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." (John 12:24-25)

"The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (Psalm 51:17)

Quote: "Being broken is both God's work and ours. He brings the pressure; we make the choice."—**Roy Hession**

- Our response to the conviction of the Holy Spirit
- Brokenness is the beginning of revival.
- Brokenness is painful, humbling, and draining.

B. Grieve Him Not with Sin

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

- You can only grieve someone who loves you.
- Grieve means to cause pain, grief, or sorrow.

C. Quench Him Not with Self

"Quench not the Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

- Quench means to hinder the operations of one trying to do a work.
- The biggest hindrance to the Holy Spirit is not Satan—but self!
- Stop putting out the Holy Spirit’s fire with the blanket of self.

D. Thirsting after Him with Passion and Prayer

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:9-13)

- Ask, seek, knock, with a helpless urgent consistency to experience His filling.
- Hunger for His help.
- Thirst for His presence.
- Don’t quit! May your desire turn to fire.

CONCLUSION _____

