

# POWER

The power that the first century church in the book of Acts and Jesus walked in is not something that has run its course, but something for us today, as well. In the beginning of the book of Acts, it says that the disciples were to wait for the power on high, and then they would be the Lord's witnesses. This basically indicates they were qualified to represent Jesus once they had power.

Acts 1:8

*“but you shall 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.”*

This is confirmed by the Apostle Paul, who certainly walked in miracle power, who indicated it was supposed to be a kingdom expectation. He demonstrated what he taught, not trying merely to persuade others.

1 Corinthians 4:20

*“For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power.”*

1 Corinthians 2:4

*“And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,”*

The word for power here is interesting; it is the Greek word *dunamis*, from which our word dynamite comes. It means miraculous power, implying miracle-working power.

Jesus obviously walked in this kind of power and indicated that the disciples (and us) would do what He did and even greater things!

John 14:12

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater {works} than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.”*

This is further attested to in the New Testament when Jesus spoke to His disciples in Mark 16. He specifically said that the power of God and the power to push back the gates of hell was not just for Him, His disciples, or for the fivefold ministry, but for all believers.

Mark 16:17-18

*“And these signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;  
they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly {poison,} it shall not hurt them;  
they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”*