**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

 **Weekly Bible Study**

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**Exploits through the Filling of the Holy Spirit (Part 3) Study 6.**

 **TEXT**: Acts 9:11-22

**MEMORY VERSE**: And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Acts 4:31,33

 The Holy Spirit desire is to show forth the redemptive power and the love of God for humanity through every human vessel that is chosen, available, filled and led by Him. God is eternally committed to saving souls from sin, sickness, oppressions and all that Satan plotted in derailing human souls. He needs you and me as in the generation of Joseph, Nehemiah and Esther. Will you yield and surrender all to God on the altar? Romans 12:1-2.

 **Filling And Flowing Channels Of Exploits. Acts 26:15-20**

 The exploits, legacies wrought and bequeathed by Paul and other Apostles till date remain unforgettable. Why? They were filled, led and made channels through which the Holy Spirit reached out to the world! God is ready to do more with us today. Note: Every filled vessel is a solution provider. 2King 4:1-7. May you be one in this time of need in Jesus name .

**1. The filling by the Holy Spirit is through faith! You will know and notice the good hand of God upon you when you are filled with Holy Spirit. Nehemiah 2:18.** He filled you to work through your thoughts, words, gestures, deeds, prayers, declarations etc.

**2. Pray and follow the biblical directives given you by the Holy Spirit.** Note: Faith hears and obeys. However unreasonable to human wisdom, when God is involved, it will birth wonders. A servant of God saw a boy sitting alone. He was moved to speak to him, and said: "You will be Evangelist, give your heart to Christ". The boy responded that “you are the third person that told me this”! He immediately surrendered his life to Christ without further gainsaying! Lengthy sermonising without "the word of knowledge" will fail to accomplish this result. This was how Jesus located and called Nathaniel! John 1:47-51. True fillings and empowerment come as you get committed to preaching the gospel.

 It can still work for you today.

**3. Learn to attempt great things at the nudge by the Holy Spirit: Miracles, signs and wonders are birthed through this means. (See Acts 3:1-10).**

 Holy impressions, heart warming sensations and sometimes holy indignation against sinful practice, as in the case of Paul with Elymas, the sorcerer (Acts 13:8-12.) can be tools with which the Holy Spirit moves greatly to establish His presence and wonderful work! When filled, learn to be sensitive to circumstances, providential opportunities, to do as occasion serves you! (See 1Samuel 10:6-7).

**4. Exploits through the Holy Spirit cut across all realm of human endeavours. But primarily, it is to work towards salvation of souls, good of mankind and the glory of God.**

 *i. Filling with practical wisdom will manifest in sound initiatives, innovations and creative services. Example is wisdom of Companion radio as experienced during Covid-19 epidemic. It bridges communication gap in the lockdowns, and has become a blessing to the Church since. The Church needs more to multiply exploits.*

*ii. Filling with administrative wisdom and helps in diverse ways.* ***Note:*** *Joseph was not the King in Egypt .Yet, the affairs of the kingdom hinged on his policies formulation! In your branch Church, you may not be the Pastor in charge, when you allow the Holy Spirit to fill you , God will make you a vehicle to drive the Church to a successful destination.*

*iii. In your family setting, career practice, working place and community, let God work through you to show forth God's wisdom and power. Your efforts and exploits are magnets that attract souls to know and accept Christ in a personal way.*

**5. Exploits of faith, signs and wonders in healings, deliverance and supernatural manifestations are important to propagation of the gospel.** In CCBC, we need to pray and ask God for special move in our midst. When Jesus raised the dead, fed thousands with two fishes and five loaves of bread, the whole community trembled and gave attention to the Lord.The scripture says, **“in the days of his power, men shall be willing.”** Psalm 110:3. When God moves in a special way, souls are saved and delivered in their multitude.

**6. When God begins to fill you to do wonders with glorious manifestations, it is important to realize what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:7.*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us"***. Philippians 2:13 says: ***"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure"***. If it is God, then, all the glory, honour and praise must go to God and not you or any other person!

**7. It is time to seek the Lord, till He rains His Spirit upon us according to this promise: Isaiah 44:3-4 KJV**

***"For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses"***.

Prayer:

*1. Lord, visit me , visit the Church with revival as you fill us with your Spirit.*

*2. Lord, let signs, miracles and wonders follow as we proclaim your name.*

*3. Lord, receive all the glory as you work wonders in my life and in CCBC. Amen.*

 **HYMN 67: COME, HOLY SPIRIT.**