

Amber's Article

The Spirit in ME, part 1

"I'm not good enough." Have you ever said or thought those words?

The truth is if you have made Jesus the Lord of your life, then you have the power of the Holy Spirit living in you and working through you. Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8). You have God's incomparably great power at your disposal. "That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms" (Eph 1:19-20). The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work within us? Yep. The same power.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth" (don't you just love it when He says that), anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12). Did He just say that? Yep. What does going to the Father have to do with the power we receive? Because once Jesus went to the Father, the Holy Spirit came to live in believers.

Holocaust survivor Corrie ten Boom spent the last years of her life speaking to men and women all around the world about the God who sustained her during her imprisonment and who delivered her from the Nazi prison camps. During one of her presentations, she held up a lady's white glove.

"What can this white glove do?" she asked. Then she went on to explain...

"The glove can do nothing. "Oh, but if my hand is in the glove, it can do many things... cook, play the piano, write. Well, you say that is not the glove but the hand in the glove that does it. Yes, that is so. I tell you that we are nothing but gloves. The hand in the glove is the Holy Spirit of God. Can the glove do something if it is very near the hand? No! The glove must be filled with the hand to do the work. That is exactly the same for us: We must be filled with the Holy Spirit to do the work God has for us to do."

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-the Spirit of truth" (John 14:15-16).

Grace & Agape, Amber