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Dear Partners and Friends,

This month, I am including an excerpt from a new book that is in the process of being put into physical form from my teaching on “How to Minister and Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit”.

Over the years, I have had many testimonies of people who struggled in receiving this wonderful life-changing experience of God’s presence, manifesting in power. My teaching resolved the issues of their heart by giving understanding in taking something difficult and helped them right into their heavenly prayer language.

Many find it difficult to minister the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to others. My teaching made it so simple that it gave them the kind of confidence they could lead any willing person into this experience, including their prayer language.

So many people get more out of books than they do from audio teaching. My last book was larger since it covers over 10 hours of teaching. This book is smaller and has the advantage that you only want to minister what is directly beneficial to help someone into the experience. I believe this book will help many people around the world.

In introducing this book, I must point out that the production cost for a book is much more than producing our audio teachings in house. Thus, I am making a special offer to anyone who will give towards the production of this book. Once it becomes available, we will send you a book out of the first batch of copies that are produced, either for your use or possibly so you can sow into a friend’s life. Please designate that your giving is towards this project. Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing through this ministry.

Power to be a witness

Jesus said, in Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We're not just talking about handing out tracts on the streets or going out and telling people about Jesus. Yes, that's being a witness, but the Greek word used here means a lot more than that. The Greek word *martus*, literally means that you are the witness.

The New American Standard Bible conveys it more clearly when it translates Jesus as saying, "...and you shall be My witnesses"

So, now that you have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, you are capable of being the witness yourself. You are the witness.

But there is even more to this word. Our English word martyr also comes from this word *martus*. But here it doesn't mean someone who physically dies for a cause. I believe it's talking about dying to yourself and allowing Jesus to become your life. Think of it like this: when you are a *martus* you so identify with another person or purpose that you lose your own individual, ego identity. You no longer live out of your own flesh, but you live out of who you are in Christ.

In this way, Jesus was a *martus*. He identified His mission and His purpose totally with the will of His Father. He said,

Most certainly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father doing. For whatever He does, the Son also does likewise.

John 5:19

In other words, whatever the Father did, Jesus did in like manner. The Spirit of the Lord showed Him exactly what the Father wanted Him to say and do.

He showed Him what the Father was saying, showing Jesus what He should speak. Therefore, Jesus communicated truth that just flowed by the Spirit of God; words that were inspired by the Holy Spirit; words the Father wanted Him to say.

Likewise, as the Holy Spirit showed Jesus what the Father was doing, so His anointing and power were released into situations where people were healed through Jesus. Scripture tells us all were healed.

All those who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Luke 4:40

This was *dunamis* miracle-working power working through Him. You see, He was the *martus*.

So the purpose of the power of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to make you a *martus*. Now you are capable, in any given situation, of doing and saying exactly what Jesus would say or do if He were here.

You are the *martus* as you identify with Jesus and His purpose, and lose your own individual ego identity, in who you are in Christ.

With Jesus, you can say, "I only do those things that I see my Father doing."

Then everything that comes out of your mouth can be inspired by God; inspired by the Holy Spirit as He speaks through you. Then you can do what Jesus did. You can see people saved, healed, delivered, set free from bondage, baptized in the Holy Spirit. In short, as a *martus*, you can do Kingdom work, doing and saying exactly what Jesus would say or do.

You have that capability because of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Whether you utilize it or not is a whole different question. But you have the capacity; that's the purpose of that *dunamis* miracle-working power working within you.

He gives you that kind of dynamite, explosive power so that you can reach out and touch peoples' lives for God. He gives you the power to be a witness and to act on everything Jesus says. Then you will see

His results. It's exciting when you learn to do things God's way. When you get in the flow of what the Spirit is doing, it gets exciting.

Not by might

If you try and do it out of the arm of the flesh, it will become a drudgery. If you try and witness because you feel compelled to, you will hate witnessing! If you feel pushed to witness to people because you think you're supposed to, it'll be hard. It's difficult when you try to do things your way instead of learning to do things God's way.

I ministered to a mother one time, who told me that she was going through a devastating situation, which was just going to take her feet out from under her. She needed help. If something didn't happen, she was just going to fall flat on her face! She would be devastated, and her family would be devastated too. She told me, "I'm the strong one in my family, my children, my husband, everybody looks up to me. They all draw their strength from me because I'm the strong one in the family that lives for God. They all come to me."

You know, without realizing it, she was learning to live out of her ability, out of the arm of the flesh, out of her strength. By doing that she was teaching her family that they didn't have to depend on God, they could come to mamma. "Mamma's got it all, and mamma can take care of it."

Not my power

For a long time, when I ministered to people, I felt the need to counsel them and help them with a lot of words. On one occasion, there were so many people to help in such a short period of time, I said inside, "God, you've got to do it through me. I don't have enough time."

At that moment, I realized that's what He wanted all the time! I just had to get out of the way and simply depend on Him. When I started to do that, Boy, ministry got so much easier! Words started flowing out of my mouth, and I wished I could take my ears off and listen to what my mouth was saying! It was that good.

When I got out of the way, and people started getting set free by the Holy Spirit, I started being a martus. Now that I'd yielded to Him and His power, I saw more consistency in seeing people healed. Instead of seeing occasional healings, I saw more power released in praying for people. I saw one manifestation after the other, instead of once in a blue moon. Before this, things happened accidentally, now I had understanding.

But by my Spirit, says the Lord

When you lose your own ego identity and start taking on who you are in Christ, and start identifying with who He is in you, suddenly it's natural to start saying and doing and being who you already are.

Boy, your words start becoming inspired by the Holy Spirit. They start flowing and things start happening! You have words of knowledge and words of wisdom, and all the gifts of the Spirit start flowing supernaturally, naturally. It's not through us trying to grunt and groan and strive to make something happen, nor is it trying to work something up. With the Holy Spirit, it will get easy; it's supernaturally, natural.

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Lisa and I are very grateful to you our friends and partners of this ministry as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering in spirit, soul, and body as you experience an increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

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Website Update:

Our new website and accounting system is in place and we are excited about this improvement which will bring us to a new level in our ministry operation. For anyone going through the check-out process, always be sure you are logged into your user account so that your downloads will always be available to access again at any future time. If you have previously had a user account on our website at clpmi.org you will still be able to log in using your existing email account/user name and then click on "Reset Password" instead of entering your previous password. This will enable our new system to register a password for your account since the old password could not be carried over from our old system. Just follow the prompts to enter the password you want to use. If you have any log in difficulties please email us at info@clpmi.org.



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Lisa and I want to offer you a special package A Healthy Heart for the month of September. It includes the CD albums Living out of the Heart; Heart for Receiving; and Issues of the Heart. All 3 are available for \$50, that is a savings of \$27! We want to thank you, our partners for helping spread the good news of Jesus around the world. Please call our office 719-243-4100 or send in the enclosed order form to receive this Package. *This is not available on our website.*

New Book Coming Soon!

I want to make a special offer available to anyone who would like to give towards the production of the How to Minister and Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit book. Once it is available, we will send you a book from the first printing. Please designate your giving is towards this project on the enclosed form. Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing through this ministry.