

# Acts 1:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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**Ye shall receive power** (δύναμιν λήμψεσθε)—The promise of divine enablement through the Holy Spirit, not human ability. The Greek 'dunamis' (power) appears throughout Acts as the source of apostolic boldness and miraculous signs. **Witnesses unto me** defines Christian identity as testifiers to Christ's resurrection. The geographic progression—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, uttermost earth—provides Acts' structural outline, showing God's redemptive plan expanding from Judaism to all nations. This commission replaced messianic kingdom expectations with Spirit-empowered global mission.

## Historical Context

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Spoken during Jesus' final pre-ascension appearance (40 days after resurrection), this redirected disciples' focus from political restoration of Israel to worldwide evangelistic mission. The 'uttermost part of the earth' would have seemed impossibly vast to this small band of Galilean followers.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Holy Spirit's power in your life manifest differently than human talent or charisma?
2. What 'uttermost parts' in your sphere of influence require bold witness to Christ?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀλλὰ λήψεσθε δύναμιν ἐπελθόντος τοῦ ἀγίου  
But ye shall receive power is come G3588 after that the Holy  
G235 G2983 G1411 G1904 G40

πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς καὶ ἔσεσθέ μοι μάρτυρες ἐν  
Ghost upon you and ye shall be unto me witnesses in  
G4151 G1909 G5209 G2532 G2071 G3427 G3144 G1722

τε Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ  
both Jerusalem and in all G3588 Judaea and  
G5037 G2419 G2532 G1722 G3956 G2449 G2532

Σαμαρείᾳ καὶ ἔως ἐσχάτου τῇ γῆς  
in Samaria and unto the uttermost part G3588 of the earth  
G4540 G2532 G2193 G2078 G1093

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 28:19** (Holy): Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Mark 16:15** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Romans 15:19** (Spirit): Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

**Acts 5:32** (Holy): And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

**Acts 4:33** (Witness): And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

**Acts 6:8** (Parallel theme): And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

**Romans 10:18** (Parallel theme): But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

**John 15:27** (Witness): And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

**Luke 10:19** (Parallel theme): Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Matthew 24:14** (Witness): And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.