

The Redemptive Power of Love

I was enthralled by the sermon given by Bishop Michael Curry at the recent Royal Wedding. He may well have been to my seminars. In my **Healing 1**, I quote - *Inner Healing is God's love flowing through us; as it flows it heals; what stops his love from flowing through us is our lack of forgiveness. LOVE is the most important word. And later I say Important word is LOVE. Healing is simply God's love flowing through us.*

The Holy Spirit is the God of Love. The love of the Father for the Son brings about the Holy Spirit and remember that Healing 1 starts with the Holy Spirit – the story you haven't heard before, the Holy Spirit being the link between the three stages; 1) Jesus' Baptism, when he receives the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, 2) he is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to meet the devil, after which 3) *Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee*, then in the synagogue he quotes from Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." more or less telling the congregation - I am the Messiah.

We read in Acts 10; 38 *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.* I want in this article to take simply the Bishop's phrase **THE REDEMPTIVE POWER OF LOVE** and to concentrate on the word POWER and to remind ourselves that there is a great amount of God's power that we do not use. It is God's redemptive power of love that **HEALS**. And I repeat Acts 10; 38 *how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power*

In John 14: 12 *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. And I ask you, Why does Jesus tack on the phrase because I go to the Father ? Simply because he had promised 14: 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

Now, do we believe Jesus in John 14: 12 *he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; AND and greater works than these will he do, I DON'T THINK WE DO. DO WE SEE MIRACLES ALL THE TIME ?*

Now let's have a look at the word POWER, as I believe that the Holy Spirit is the POWER of God.

Ephs 1: 19 *and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe.*

Ephs 3: 16 *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with **might through his Spirit** in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have **power** to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we can ask or think, to him be the glory

In the late 70's and early 80's there was a spate of books written about **God is dead**

In another book written about the same time I saw in block capitals
GOD IS NOT DEAD. HE IS UNEMPLOYED

Mary Healy mentions **St Cyril of A.** who tells us that the Holy Spirit enables or empowers us to love with a power greater than ourselves

Mary Healy's video is all about THE POWER OF LOVE