CHURCH ON FIRE

REVELATION REVELATIONS:

1. Purpose: Grace and peace for the listener/reader by way of revelation/revealing hidden realities, present & future.

2. Interpretation/Structure: Apocalyptic communication form to be interpreted literarily AND ultimately, now AND future.

3. Big Idea: The Lamb (Jesus) is on the throne ruling in power, truth and grace, and is actively establishing His kingdom.

Application: The Lamb (Jesus) is calling all people to Himself for life and salvation (from judgement) THROUGH His witnesses

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR THE CHURCH TO ______ TO THE LAMB IN OUR DAY?

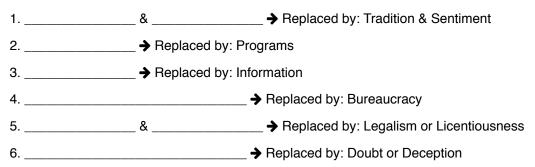
"And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy during those 1,260 days. These two prophets are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of all the earth. If anyone tries to harm them, fire flashes from their mouths and consumes their enemies. This is how anyone who tries to harm them must die. They have power to shut the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. And they have the power to turn the rivers and oceans into blood, and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish." (Revelation 11:3-6, NLT)

"I WILL GIVE THEM POWER..."

THE WITNESSES OF JESUS WILL BEAR WITNESS TO JESUS THROUGH THE ______ OF JESUS

"When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God...For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of POWER." (1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 4:20, NLT)

WHEN THE POWER/GLORY GOES:



"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people." (2 Timothy 3:1-5, NIV)

Let's be reminded of		
1. What Jesus	of us:	OF POWER

Matthew 10:8-9 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues...

John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Acts 1:4-5,8 One occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit...But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Let's be reminded of...

2. What Jesus _____ for us: _____ OF POWER

Jesus Did: Kingdom Power

- 1. Authority over the Elements/Nature
- 2. Authority over the Ideas/Ideologies/Wisdom
- 3. Authority over Religion/Relationships/Institutions
- 4. Authority over Powers & Principalities
- 5. Authority over Sin, Shame & Death

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3. What Jesus _____ of us: _____ OF POWER

EXPECTATION OF POWER: NOW WHAT?

- 1. We need FRESH _____: Confront our unbelief
- 2. We need FRESH _____: Confront our lethargy
- 3. We need FRESH _____: Exercise "do it again faith"

3 POWER CHALLENGES:

1. PRAY this week FOR YOURSELF: That God would reset your expectation to believe Jesus at His word that He will give us power for every good work.

2. STEP OUT WITH DO IT AGAIN FAITH: Endeavor to be quick to ask God to move into situations and circumstances, being bold enough to try again and again and again. Who, or what situation can you boldly call on the power of Jesus for? Do it.

3. PRAY this week FOR THE CHURCH IN Atlantic Canada: That we would see a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:29-31)