

Normal Christianity

[A transcript of a clip of Bill Johnson teaching on DVD]

“Kathryn Kuhlman was amazing...She wasn’t a profound preacher or teacher, she couldn’t sing, she didn’t have a natural beauty that would attract people to her TV show or stuff. She didn’t have any of that. All she had going for her was that God was with her, and apparently that was enough. I mean, it’s stunning to me, when God is with a person, the supernatural is normal. All we’re doing is we’re pursuing, we’re trying to get restored to the normal Christian life.

Jesus was the most normal Christian ever to live. Everything Jesus did, he did as man rightly related to God. He didn’t walk on water, he didn’t heal or deliver or do any of the stuff he did as God. If we just catch this one thing, it changes everything about our lives. He didn’t do any of those miracles as God. In fact he told us that he couldn’t do it. He said “The Son of Man can do nothing of himself”. In other words, “I’ve emptied myself of all divine capacity to perform in supernatural ways”. And so his entire life was spent illustrating for us what would be possible for any person to have no sin, number one, and number two, was completely empowered by the Holy Spirit.

So the life of Christ was not illustrating what God could do as much as it was illustrating what man could do who was rightly related to God. So when the blood of Jesus – you know, at some point we’re going to have to believe we’re forgiven, I mean, it’s actually come to that – that the blood of Jesus has actually completely, thoroughly dealt with the issue of sin. So now we begin to build upon the second aspect of our life, and that is how empowered and how dependant on the person of the Holy Spirit am I willing to become?

Jesus was baptised in water, the heavens opened, the Spirit of God came upon him in the form of a dove. And my favourite part of the story says, “and remained”. Let’s just say in the natural you have a dove land on your shoulder. How are you going to walk through this room so he doesn’t fly away? You’re going to be careful. Everything is going to be – every movement is going to be – with that presence in mind because I don’t want to do anything that would frighten that dove away. There’s a picture there that’s profound, is that every move is in consideration of what I’m carrying.

You see, the Spirit of God is in every believer, but he’s not upon every believer. **The Holy Spirit has been given to us without measure – all measurements are set by us.**

Last night Rick made mention of Finney, Charles Finney, some of the stuff where he would walk into a factory and people would just fall to their knees and cry out for God. What was happening there? He was carrying something, it wasn’t just internal. There was a manifestation of presence that was upon him. Why did Peter’s shadow heal people? Because **your shadow will release whatever overshadows you.** What it’s supposed to look like is this, is that you and I carry a dimension of the presence of God upon us so that everywhere we go we carry our own weather system. **There’s atmospheric shift everywhere we go.** When you walk into that hospital room, the person that’s in that bed dying, they may have a million-to-1 odds that they won’t even live through the night, but as soon as you walk into the room, the mathematicians have to change the odds.

And the more you are aware of what you carry, the more deliberate we can be as we walk into these places, to see a transformation of atmosphere. **Suddenly the air becomes pregnant with possibility because somebody has walked into the room that is conscious of what they carry.** Now if you’re not conscious of it and you have, just through honour and respect, given a place for him, there’s just a tremendous effect that just the presence of God has on you. But when you are aware of it, the co-labouring role increases in magnitude.”¹

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