

The Work We Do

We shall do the work Jesus did (Jesus said this with a “truly,” and then a second “truly.”)

Jesus said in John 14:12 (below) that the body of Christ (the church) shall do the work that Jesus did, because Jesus went unto his Father. Jesus’ work shall carry on.

John 14:12 **Verily** (*truly*), **verily** (*truly*), I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do** also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:12 (above) says that because Jesus was going to Father God, the body of Christ is to do the work that Jesus did, even greater works than Jesus did. Jesus emphasized this with a “verily” (truly) and then a second “verily.” Jesus really means this.

So, what work did Jesus do?

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 (above) says that Jesus was sent to destroy the works of the devil.

What else does the Bible say about Jesus’ work?

Acts 10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:36-37 (above) says that the message in the following verse (Acts 10:38, above) was told to everyone.

Luke 7:22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

Luke 7:22 (above) shows what Jesus said of the work that Jesus did.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18-19 (above) is what Jesus said of the tasks Jesus was anointed to do.

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, **Jesus** came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God is at hand:** repent (*change*) ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 1:14-15 (above) is the gospel (good news) that Jesus told everyone. [See the study “Gospel of Kingdom of God.”]

The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13), Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18-19, Luke 7:22, Acts 10:36-38, and 1 John 3:8 all agree.

Jesus sent the 12 to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick

Jesus Sent the 12 to do John 14:12/1 John 3:8/John 10:10.

Luke 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them **power** and **authority** over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the **kingdom of God,** and to **heal the sick.**

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

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Luke 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he (Jesus) received them, and spake unto them of the **kingdom of God,** and healed them that had need of healing.

Luke 9:1-11 (above) show that Jesus sent the twelve disciples to do the same work that Jesus did (John 14:12, 1 John 3:8).

Jesus sent the 70 to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God and heal the sick

Jesus sent the 70 to do John 14:12/1 John 3:8/John 10:10.

Luke 10:9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto (near to) you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto (near to) you.

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17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

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

Luke 10:9-11 and 10:17-19(above) show that Jesus sent the 70 to do the same work Jesus did (John 14:12, 1 John 3:8, Luke 9:1-11). Just as in Luke 9:1-2 (above), Jesus gave authority, in the form of Jesus' name, to the 70 to do this work.

Jesus wanted others to preach the kingdom of God

Jesus wants others to do John 14:12/1 John 3:8/John 10:10.

Luke 9:59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer (allow) me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the **kingdom of God**.

Jesus said that it was more urgent for someone to do the work Jesus did than to bury a member of one's family or to bid farewell to one's family.

The church also preached the gospel of the kingdom of God and healed the sick

The church, the body of Christ, also did John 14:12.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the **kingdom of God**, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:25 And they, when they (Peter and John) had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the **gospel** in many villages of the Samaritans.

Acts 14:21 And when they (Paul and Barnaby) had preached the **gospel** to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, (G4102) and that we must through much tribulation enter into the **kingdom of God**.

Acts 19:8 And he (Paul) went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the **kingdom of God**.

Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I (Paul) know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the **kingdom of God**, shall see my face no more.

Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him (Paul) a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the **kingdom of God**, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

Acts 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the **kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

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6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus** Christ of Nazareth **rise up and walk**.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:2-8 (above) show that Peter did the work Jesus did.

Jesus charged the body of Christ to do Jesus' work

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Matthew 28:18-20 (above) and Mark 16:15-18 (above) are commonly called the Great Commission. The Great Commission addresses the body of Christ, then and today. They agree with 1 John 3:8, John 14:12, and all the verses above.

How is the body of Christ equipped to do supernatural work?

Jesus gives the body of Christ the Spirit of God and power

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued (clothed) with power from on high.

Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and [with] fire:

Acts 1:8 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.

The church, the body of Christ, was first given power at Pentecost when the Spirit (fire) was on their head (Acts 1:5, 1:8, 2:1-4). Power goes with the Spirit of God (Acts 10:38, Luke 4:14).

Since Pentecost, Jesus covers a Christian with the Spirit of God and power when that Christian is baptized/does the baptism faith act (Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:49, Matthew 3:11, and Acts 1:8 above). See 1 Samuel 10:1 and 1 Samuel 11:6 to see how Samuel first anointed Saul with oil and then God anointed Saul with the Spirit of God. See 1 Samuel 16:13 to see how Samuel first anointed David with oil and then God anointed David with the Spirit of God. See Matthew 3:16 to see how John the Baptist first baptized (covered, dipped) Jesus in water and then God anointed (covered) Jesus with the Spirit of God and power (Acts 10:38). [See the study, "Bible Miracles Explained" and "Gospel of Kingdom of God."]

Jesus gives the body of Christ all authority in heaven and earth

Luke 10:9-19 shows that Jesus gave the 70 authority to do the same work Jesus did (John 14:12). Luke 10:17-19 (below) shows that Jesus' name is the authority Jesus gave them to do this work: treading on serpents, scorpions, and the devil's power while doing the work (see also Mark 16:15-18, Matthew 28:18-19). The Bible says we are to tread (to stomp) on the devils and their work (their anti-God work). Hit hard, do not be gentle.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

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

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Ghost (and power) comes upon them (Acts 1:4-8). This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. In Matthew 28:18-19 (below), Jesus told them that Jesus now has all authority in heaven and earth, so that they should now go forth and do Jesus' work. Therefore, Jesus' authority must have been given to them, in the form of Jesus' name. [See the study, "How the Name of Jesus Works."]

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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

In Acts 3:6 and Acts 3:16 (below), Peter told us that the name of Jesus belonged to Peter and the church. Peter also said that it was Jesus' name and Peter's faith statement ("rise up and walk") that made the lame man "strong." Peter said that it was Peter's "faith in his name" ("in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk") that "made this man strong." We should do the same.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 4:30 (below) shows that the early church knew that Jesus' name did miracles. Recall that Luke 10:17-19 shows that Jesus' name is Jesus' authority that Jesus gave the body of Christ to do Jesus' works (John 14:12). Mark 16:17 must believe in Jesus' name (Luke 10:17-19) for Jesus' name to be effective (Mark 16:15-18).

Acts 4:30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Destroy persecution (recall "destroy the works of the devil" in 1 John 3:8/John 14:12)

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Many Christians are concerned about persecution and the Anti-Christ. (Anti-Christ means one who opposes Jesus and the body of Christ.) In 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (above), Paul was plagued by the devil. Jesus would not act. Instead, Jesus said that Jesus' grace was sufficient for Paul. John 14:12 says that because Jesus has gone to the Father, the body of Christ is to do Jesus' work to destroy the devil's work (1 John 3:8). Jesus has given the church power and all authority in earth to destroy the devil's work. Jesus gave the church the same tools God gave Jesus to do work. [See the study "Jesus Church Parallels."] Power and authority over the devil are the "grace" (in 2 Corinthians 12:9, above) that Jesus gave to Paul and the church. Luke 10:19, Luke 21:18, and Psalm 91 say that nothing will hurt us. It is God's will that nothing hurts us and that we win over the devil and the devil's work (John 10:10). We should build up our faith (Romans 10:17), so that we cast out devils and destroy their work. [See the studies: "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means by Faith," "Gospel of Kingdom of God," and "Not Perish"]

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

In John 16:33 (above), "in me" refers to the "abide in me" of John 15:7 (below) and all the other "in Christ" or "in Christ Jesus" verses. We have peace if we do John 15:7 and other related verses. "In the world ye shall have tribulation" refers to the devil creating trouble for the body of Christ, as the devil buffeted Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7 above). "I have overcome the world" (above) means that Jesus and Jesus' authority have overcome the devil and all of the devil's attacks. When Jesus told the body of Christ to continue Jesus' work (John 14:12) of destroying the devil's work (1 John 3:8), Jesus gave the body of Christ Jesus' authority and the Spirit of God (1 John 4:4, Acts 1:5, 1:8, Luke 24:49, Matthew 3:11, Acts 10:38). These tools that Jesus gave to the body of Christ to destroy the devil's work cannot possibly fail to overcome the devil.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask (call for, G154) what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Our job is to do Romans 10:17, do the "my words abide in you" of John 15:7 (above), and then do 1 John 3:8 and John 14:12.