



Activate 2...

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"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil. Rev 2:2

I have this against you

- Revelation 2:4; 2:14; 2:20


But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. Rev 2:20

Lukewarm


¹⁵ "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. Revelation 3:15-16

1Co 3:9-11 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ

¹ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 2 Tim 3:1-3



4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. 2 Tim 3:4-5




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1Co 12:19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

1Co 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.


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- **Exegetical meaning:** *Paul and Timothy's opponents have the external appearance of godliness; they do not have its real power.*
 - **Power means** *the present, effective working of God in and through believers' lives (Acts 1:8)*
 - **Godliness means** *genuine piety, including holiness, reverence, faith and love and faith to God.*

Power of HS in our lives




But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. "Act 1:8

This powerful new work of the Holy Spirit after Pentecost brought several beneficial results:

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1. More effectiveness in witness and ministry
 2. Effective proclamation of the Gospel (Matt 28:19)
 3. Power for victory over sin (Acts 2:42-46; Rom 6:11-14; 8:13-14)
 4. Power for victory over Satan and demonic forces (2:42-46; 16:16-18)
 5. And a wide distribution of gifts for ministry (1 Cor 12:7,11)

Fire??



John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luk 3:16

But what about the fire...?

² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:2-4

Fire in our lives and power

The gospel = good news

"The Gospel is not good news to people who don't hear it".
Reinhard Bonnke

"Armchair Christians receive no fire. There is no such thing as an anointed couch-potato. Sometimes people pray for fire when they are not yielded to God at all, and subsequently do little for Him. They give up little time or money, and render no effort. If they had God's fire, what would they do with it? Sit at home and just enjoy it? Reinhard Bonnke

The fire is not to save us trouble in winning the world- it is to empower us to preach the Gospel in spite of trouble. *Reinhard Bonnke Evangelism by Fire.*

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