

# **THE IMPACT OF POWER EVANGELISM ON CHURCH GROWTH:**

**A CASE STUDY OF CHRIST LIFE CHURCH  
a.k.a. Sword of the Spirit Ministries**

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## CONCLUSION

In all the chapters the writer has examined the impact of power Evangelism on Church Growth with special reference to what the Lord did and is still doing in Christ Life Church where Dr. Francis Wale Oke is the presiding Bishop. It is apparent from this work that signs and wonders did not cease with the close of the first century. With the word of Jesus in John 4:48 that "unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders you will never believe", it is highly important for the 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians to pray for more labourers who preach the gospel of the Risen Christ with signs and wonders following for speedy world harvest.

The way in which 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians makes this commitment is to come to grips with the fact that the kingdom of God came in power with Jesus. *As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near! Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons, freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:7-8)*

God does endow his people with power. When power is needed to break through with the Gospel message, God gives it, but there is always risk-taking (faith) involved. When these divinely appointed encounters occur, the Church grows - although, not on every occasion. Sometimes there are other mitigating factors which keep the Church from growing, such as lack of leadership to foster and nurture the respondents, and the negative backlash of powerful entities in the community which are

threatened by God's display of power. Unfortunately, these are often powerful members of the church.

The main thesis stand: God has never ceased to work signs and wonders in his Church, he still uses open and willing people to display his miraculous power to back up his salvation message.

## RECOMMENDATION

The writer humbly recommends the following:

1. The contemporary Church and individual Christian should yield completely to the leadership of the Holy Spirit – The executor of Church programmes – since the Church cannot do without the demonstration of God's Power.
2. The Church and individual Christians should understand the fact that it is God who works miracles – healing, signs and wonders through them and that they are only vessels through which God performs His deeds.
3. Ministers of the Gospel are to acknowledge that all true miracles, signs and wonders in and outside the Church, should point to the fact that God loves His people and He is still the same. What He did through His Son, Jesus Christ, through Peter's shadow, Paul's apron and by the hands of other Apostles, He will still do today for His people if they believe in Him. Jesus corroborates this when He said *"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it"* (John 14:12-14).
4. Any miracles, signs and wonders that do not lead to God's glory and Church growth is not from God.