

The Essential Power From God

(Ephesians 2:1-10)
God's life changing power?

A. Brainstorming: What do you Understand by the Phrase "Power of God"

God's Power in Creation

Gen. 1 Isaiah 40:26, 29 42:5 45:12

God's Providential Power

- a. God's Power seen In Providence
- b. Jeremiah 31:35
- c. Heb. 1:3
- d. Philippians 3:21

Understanding The Need For God's Power (v. 1-3)

- a. What phrases does Paul use in describing what the Christians in Ephesus were like before Christ?
- b. Why do you think Paul reminded these people what their lives were like before Christ?
- c. Compare your life "before Christ" to the descriptions Paul gives?
- d. How does knowing that you have been saved from these things make you feel?

The Promise of the Power

- a. Acts 1: 4-8

Receive God's Power Through Faith In Christ (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 with power from on high.

Pursuing the Presence of God.

- a. Live with an Eager Expectation to experience his presence.
- b. Eager expectation involves listening and watching for the Spirit's leadings and promptings.
- c. Humble Responsiveness
- d. Listen carefully for the Spirit's leadings.
- e. Plan, but leave room for spontaneous.

Experiencing the Presence of God.

- a. The initial evidence of the Power of God. - Acts 1:12-End & Acts 2: 1-13. – The
- b. The manifestation of the power of God in service - (1 Cor. 12 and 14)

Power For Daily Living

(Ephesians 1:15-21 3:14-21)

How can I live the life God wants me to live?

“It is our own character and experience that determine our influence upon others. In order to convince others of the power of Christ’s grace, we must know its power in our own hearts and lives” (*Ellen G. White*)

Isaiah 4:28

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This same power can help us in our weakness. No wonder Paul said, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

God’s Power Seen In Christ’s Life

- a. John 14:12
- b. Eph. 1:19 1 Cor. 1:24 6:14
- c. 2 Cor. 10:4 13:3
- d. Phil. 3:10

God’s Unlimited Power in our lives

- a. Col. 1:11

God Gives Power For Living

Every believer has power for living –

- a. John 14:12
- b. 2 Tim. 1:7
- c. Rom. 5:6

Grow in our experience of the power

- a. Acts 9:22
- b. Is. 40:29
- c. Prov. 24:5
- d. Eph. 3:16
- e. 2 Pet. 3:18
- f. 1 Thes. 4:1

The stronger our faith in the power of God is the more God’s power can be manifested

- a. 2 Cor. 10:15.

God’s purpose in manifesting His power in our lives is to transform us.

- a. Phil 2:13;
- b. Rom. 8:29; 12:2
- c. 2 Cor. 3

God's power is evidenced in the lives of those who walk in the Spirit.

Healings:

- a. Mark 5:30
- b. Luke 5:17; 6:19; 8:46; 4:14; 9:1; 10:19

Miracles:

- a. Ps. 77:14
- b. Rom. 15:17
- c. Acts 6:8

Power for ministry:

- a. Luke 24:49
- b. Acts 1:8
- c. Col. 1:29

Power for witness

- a. Acts 4:33

Power for preaching

- b. 1 Thes. 1:5;
- c. 1 Cor. 1:17; 2:4-5

Power to resist Satan

- a. Eph. 6:10
- a. 2 Chron. 29:12

Power for prayer

- a. Eph. 3:20;
- b. James 5:16
- c.

The entire Christian walk

- a. 2 Thes. 1:11
- b. 2 Pet. 1:3

Spiritual Authority

A child of God should not focus on our *authority* in Christ, but on our *assignment* from Him. Seek devotion to God first before deliverance. An assignments from God and your obedience to His will is the breeding ground for His authority.

When an unbeliever wants to walk in spiritual authority without first having a relationship with Christ, they are impersonating Christ's authority and the result is not good! That imposter will always come under heavy attack because they have no real defense, just as in the case of the sons of Sceva in Acts 19:11-20.

Your Authority Grows As Your Obedience Does