



is present. Power is part of your story as a man in Christ. It should never be said of you that you did not heal the sick or that you did not destroy the power of darkness because God gave us power. You can use power to heal pains and diseases. You can use it to heal yourself also. **It works independently of the believer.** God did not check your IQ before he gave you power. There is nothing you need power to do that you cannot do.

Any believer has the capacity to do the work Jesus did from the very day they got born again. On the day of Pentecost for instance, new believers spoke in tongues, did miracles, and gave interpretations of tongues sharply. Another instance will be the house of Cornelius in the book of Acts. Peter preached the gospel, they believed and were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. They did not have to go through a teaching school. The gifts of the Spirit are not based on merit.

One does not pray for power, one does not fast for power, one only believes and they have it.

At salvation, the Spirit of God came and formed a union with the spirit of the believer. This means that the fullness of God is resident in the believer. Therefore, a believer should be bold to demonstrate the power of God, to demonstrate that Jesus was raised from the dead. The believer is able to light up the darkness in the hearts of people with the fire of the gospel. The believer has the power they will ever need and it was received the day they got born again. They have signs, a supernatural indication that follows them. Believers have the power of God on the inside and they must acknowledge it. Anywhere the gospel is preached, the same power available in the death, burial, and resurrection is available there and right now.

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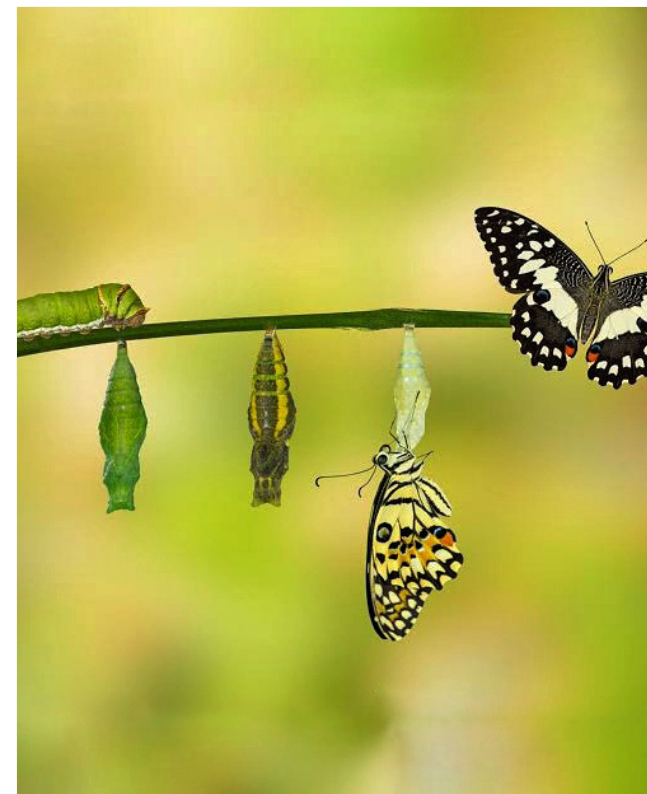
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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL





WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The gospel in the Greek meaning means "to bring and announce good news". Good news about what? The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

That message is power. That same power that raised Jesus from the dead. The same power that was available approximately 2000 years ago is available in the message. In his letter to the Roman church, the apostle Paul mentioned that he is not ashamed of the gospel, meaning that he is not wrongly identified with the gospel of Christ.

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The gospel does not produce power, it does not develop power, the gospel itself is power. Hence as a believer, you cannot wrongly be identified with the gospel.

The gospel is about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The same power that was available in the event is available in the message. When we stand to preach the gospel anywhere in the world, even if we are teaching a five-year-old, **that same power is available.** Therefore, the message must not be thwarted. As believers, we need to cherish Christian gatherings. We need to cherish when the gospel is being preached because the same power that was available at the three events; the death, the burial, and the resurrection is there. The gospel is the power of God to rescue people to safety and all the power of God to save is in the gospel.

Christ was made the head of all things today for the

benefit of the church. The church is every one of us and not a building. All the power that Jesus has right now is for the benefit of the church. Power is not being used in heaven, but rather, it is needed on earth. In his letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul was praying for the church to come to the acknowledgment of what they have in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:17-23 (KJV)

"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

God used the greatness of his power to raise Jesus from the dead. He did that so that whenever believers gather to preach the gospel, that power is available among them. There is nothing that Christ can do that believers cannot do. In **Ephesians 1:19**, the word power refers to the inherent ability, working power. So what is inside the believer is always working. We have all the power working for us and towards us.

The gospel according to Matthew informs us that Jesus has been given power.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power 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 alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

The word "all" means totality, so the totality of all the power was given to Jesus. The word "authority" refers to delegat

ed authority. Consequently, there is no place in heaven or on earth where Jesus is not Lord or Master. He is the one who decides upon his finished work who goes to heaven and who goes to hell. Once someone believes in Jesus, He will never allow them to perish in hell. Therefore a believer should not be regarded as a sinner because their old nature has been torn off for they have believed in the news that has the capacity to keep them saved.

In the gospel according to Mark, we read that signs accompany the believer upon salvation.

Mark 16:15-18 (KJV)

"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."

The word "**signs**" refer to supernatural indications and whenever a believer shows up, power shows up. When a believer steps into a dark place, they have the capacity to light it up by the power of the gospel. They should have that confidence in them. In his letter to Philemon, Paul was praying for him to accurately understand what he has in Christ Jesus.

Philemon 1:6 (KJV)

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

There are things to be acknowledged in you in Christ Jesus. There is more than what our eyes can see. When a believer shows up anywhere, power shows up. **You do not pray for power, you do not fast for power, you do not beg God for power, it is received upon salvation.** All that needs to be done is to acknowledge it.

WHY DO WE PRAY?

We pray because our eyes need to be opened to what we already have in Christ Jesus. We pray to be conscious of it. The power works independently of the believer. **It is not a result of prayer, fasting, or confessing our sins.** The power resident in the believer is what God has and ever will have. He gave us everything upon the resurrection. We are living in a world where we need to show signs and wonders, where we need to show that the power of God

