

How Does Grace Help Me?

A Primer on the Power of Christ in You

“[God] is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” – Ephesians 3:20

1. Grace Is More Than Salvation

- a. Grace teaches us that we are helpless and hopeless without God
- b. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation – Rom 1:16
- c. Our biggest problems of sin & death are solved with salvation, but problems persist
- d. Salvation by grace should be helping with everyday life – 1Cor 1:18, Phi 2:13
- e. By grace, God has given us supernatural powers: powers that surpass the physical

2. Powers of God We Have In Christ

- a. Power of the Holy Spirit – *The Most Misunderstood Power*
 - i. Not Pentecostal power of Acts 1:8 & 2:4, but Eph 1:13-20 & Rom 8:1-14
 - ii. What the world says it wants is found in the Holy Ghost – Rom 14:17, 15:13
 - iii. The Holy Spirit dwells in you; His fruit can be produced in you – Gal 5:16-25
- b. Power of Prayer – *The Most Neglected Power*
 - i. Not Mat 7:8 & 21:22, but Rom 8:26-27, Phi 4:6-7, 1Co 2:12-13, 2Tim 3:16-17
 - ii. Communication with Almighty God, the Creator, your Savior is great power
 - iii. Wisdom, understanding, stability, peace & more come from this power
- c. Power of Christ’s Authority – *The Most Forgotten Power*
 - i. Not Mat 16:19 & John 20:22-23, but Col 1:13-18, Eph 1:21, Phi 2:9-11
 - ii. You’re bought & charged by the highest authority 1Co 6:20, 7:23, Ro 14:4-12
 - iii. Creates motivation & engenders boldness – 2Cor 5:15, Eph 6:6, 6:20, Col 4:4
- d. Power of Liberty – *The Most Misused & Abused Power*
 - i. For God’s sake & others, not ourselves – 1Cor 8:9, 6:12, Gal 5:13, Rom 14:16
 - ii. No condemnation from yourself, world, law, God- Gal 5:1, 2Co 3:17, Rom 8:1
 - iii. Allows you to overcome your past in order to do God’s will now – Phi 3:13
- e. Power of Sufficiency – *The Most Underestimated Power*
 - i. All you need to survive & succeed, God provided–2Co 12:9, Col 2:10, Ro 8:37
 - ii. Utilizing this brings contentment & strengthens faith – 1Ti 6:8, Rom 4:20-21
 - iii. Allows you to do God’s will despite present circumstances –2Cor 9:8, 4:8-9, 6:8-10, Phi 4:11-13, Rom 8:18
- f. Power of Immortality – *The Most Powerful Power*
 - i. Resurrection unto eternal life is the ultimate victory – 1Co 6:14, Eph 1:19-20
 - ii. This life isn’t the end goal, but preparation for the next– 1Co 15:19, Eph 3:10
 - iii. Allows you to orient your future around God’s will, not your own– 1Co 15:58
- g. Power of Reconciliation – *The Most Charitable Power*
 - i. Has the greatest impact for God’s will: other people – 1Tim 2:4, 1Co 13:6-7
 - ii. Used to confer the power of God to others – 2Cor 5:18-20, Col 1:20-22
 - iii. Allows you to handle any problem you have w/ another by putting on Christ Phi 2:3-8, Eph 4:31-32, 5:21, 24-25, Rom 12:19-21, 2Thes 3:14-15

3. God's Power Is Given Freely But With Much Responsibility

- a. God's power in us is something we should know about – Eph 1:19, Phi 3:10-12
- b. This is not power of positive thinking (just words), but reality – 1Cor 4:20, 2Cor 5:7
- c. It should have an effect in our lives, & we should be using it – Eph 3:7, 1Cor 2:5
- d. Every believer today has access to God's power – 2Tim 1:7-10, Eph 1:3, Col 2:10
 - i. It hasn't always been the case dispensationally – *John 1:12 vs. Rom 8:14-17*
- e. It was freely given by being in Christ, not based on your works – Rom 8:32, 1Cor 2:12
- f. But you must put it on and grow strong in it – Eph 6:10-13, Col 1:11
- g. True godliness requires you use the power – 2Tim 3:2-7
- h. We are approved unto God by using His power each day – 2Cor 6:4-7, 2Thes 1:11-12