

The Power of God and the Successful Christian Life

Introduction

- A. In Biblical Christianity there is the promise of power and ability.
- B. When Jesus Christ commanded the man with a withered arm to straighten out his arm - power and ability accompanied His command• (Matt. 12:13)
- C. The genuine believer in Jesus Christ is continually described in the Bible as related to God and to His power.

I. The Biblical Emphasis on Power.

- A. The power related to the Great Commission, Matt. 28:18,19.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- B. The power related to the Gospel, 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.

- C. The power related to the believer's calling, I Cor. 1:24.

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

- D. The power related to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Phil. 3:10.

That I may know Him, and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.

- E. The power related to the Scriptures and the work of God, Hebrews 4:12.

For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

II. The Christian and the Power of God.

- A. There is power to become a Christian, John 1:12.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.

- B. There is power to be a witness for God, Acts 1:8.

But you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is cone upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

C. There is power for the believer's daily experience, Eph. 1:18-20.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places.

D. There is power to pray effectively, Eph. 3:20.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

E. There is power to live the Christian Life, Col. 1:10,11.

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God} strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.

F. There is power to live a life of courage and hope, I Timothy 1:7.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

G. There is power to be kept safe as a Christian, I Peter 1:5.

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Conclusion

- A. From these verses it is clear that for the genuine Christian there is no need to live a life of fear or doubt or weakness.
- B. What we need to do now – is to make a practical application of this provision of divine power and ability.

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