

## THE POWER OF GOD WHICH IS IN YOU

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1. **The power of God is in the Gospel message.**

*Rom 1:16* says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes."

One day, walking the roads of India, a young man ran up from behind and asked me, "Are you a Christian?" I said, "Yes, I am, are you a Hindu?" He said he was, and I asked him, "What are you doing to try to get to heaven?" This young man, Srinu, told me of all the good things he was doing to get there, such as worshipping the Hindu gods, making sacrifices, pilgrimages, being baptized and helping the blind and the poor. I asked him, "How many of these good deeds do you have to do to get your sins forgiven?" Srinu replied, "I don't know!" So I said to him, "The only thing that can cleanse you from your sins is the Blood of Jesus. Jesus died for our sins on the Cross and only His Blood can forgive your sins as you believe in Him. God sent Jesus as a perfect sacrifice for your sins and you need to believe in Him and receive Him now." On hearing these words Srinu believed in Jesus and was forgiven and saved. We have visited him many times through the years and watched him grow in Christ.

**This Gospel message is the power of God to save the lost.**

2. Jesus sent Paul to preach this Gospel message. Please read *Ac 26:16-19*.

Only the Gospel has **God's power to:** (see *verse 18*)

- a. open blind eyes which Satan has blinded, *2Cor 4:4*.
- b. turn Satan's slaves from darkness to light, *Jn 8:44, Eph 5:8*.
- c. release them from Satan's power to God, *Col 1:13, 1Jn 5:19*.
- d. bring them forgiveness of sins, *Eph 1:7, 1Jn 1:7, 1Cor 15:3*.
- e. give the inheritance of salvation to those set apart to God by faith in Christ in the here and now; material, physical, mental, spiritual; house, home and family; health, strength, wholeness; employment, work, income; ministry and works of service to Jesus.

3. **Power is defined** as the ability to do work to accomplish a task, to achieve a desired end. *Ac 6:8, 2Pet 1:3*.

4. ***Eph 2:10* says:** You are created by God, in Christ, unto good works which God has before ordained for you to do. Those good works for God, **require the power of God** to be done. In general terms they are:

- a. Worship - in Spirit and truth, *Jn 4:23,24*.
- b. Fellowship - sharing Jesus together, *1Cor 10:16,17*.
- c. Discipleship assisting others to become mature believers, obeying Jesus, *Mat 28:19*.
- d. Soul-winning - sharing the Gospel with unsaved people, *Lk 19:10*.
- e. Helping those in need - *Mat 25:35*.

As we do these good works God is satisfied and pleased, *2Cor 5:9*. And we also are fully satisfied and fulfilled.

We have all been given spiritual gifts and abilities, so that we can do these good works. *1Pet 4:10, 1Cor 12:8-10, 1Cor 12:28, Rom 12:5-8, Eph 4:11*.

These are **channels for God's power** to work through us.

5. Jesus said, "You will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit is come on you, and you will be witnesses unto Me here, there, and to the ends of the earth," *Ac 1:8*. The Holy Spirit is **God's power in us** to win the lost.

6. In *Jn 14:12* Jesus said, “Truly, truly I say unto you, he/she who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also.” Furthermore, “God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit and power**, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him,” *Ac 10:38*.
7. Please understand that this Kingdom of God, which we have received, is in the **power of God**, to do the works of God **NOW!** *1Cor 4:20, 2Tim 1:7, 2Cor 4:7*.
8. In *Lk 4:18,19*, Jesus said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty the oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,” (or the year of Jubilee - *Lev 25:9*).  
**HALLELUJAH!**
9. Jesus is the Head of the Body, the church, and the same anointing that is poured on Him runs down over His Body, *Ps 133:2*. We are anointed with **His anointing of power**. The anointing oil poured on the Head runs down over all the Body, *Ex 29:7, Is 11:2*.
10. *2Tim 1:7*. We have all received **the Spirit of power**, love and a sound mind to fully serve Him.
11. In July 1964, I received the Baptism with the Spirit, and it is the **Baptism of God’s power** to pray, understand the Word, witness to the unsaved, rejoice in the Spirit, overcome sin, resist the devil, heal the sick, cast out demons, and stand firm in great trials, *Mat 3:11, Ac 1:5, Ac 2:1-4*.
12. So my friends “be filled with the Spirit,” *Eph 5:18*, in an ongoing continuous way, and live in and by the power of God. This is the command of God.
13. Are you thirsty? He will pour out His Spirit on you, *Is 44:3, Jn 7:37-39, Jn 4:10,14*. Will you ask Him? He will give it to you abundantly, *Lk 11:9-13*. Receive the meeting of your need now, *Mk 11:24, 1Jn 5:14,15, Heb 11:1(AMP version)*.

**Remember:**

When you ask anything according to His will, He hears you, and know for sure, that if He hears you, you **HAVE THE PETITION** that you desired of Him.

*1Jn 5:14,15*. Thank **HIM** constantly for having received **NOW**.