

Transforming Power!

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Ephesians 3:20-21

“...according to the power at work within us...”

Power: (Greek) ability or might

Work: (Greek) energy

Colossians 1:28-29 “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.”

Supernatural power is necessary to witness for Christ!

❖ Jesus told His disciples to wait to receive power from God!

Acts 1:1-11 “... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. ...” (verse 8)

❖ The disciples received supernatural ability to proclaim God’s mighty works!

Acts 2:1-11 “... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance ... And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘...we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’” (verses 4,7,11)

❖ Peter had a new ability to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Acts 2:14-41 “But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.’ ... So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.” (verses 14,41)

Supernatural power is necessary to be used by God!

❖ Peter had power to be used by God to heal!

Acts 3:1-10 “... But Peter said, ‘I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!’ ...” (verse 6)

Acts 9:32-42 “... And Peter said to him, ‘Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.’ And immediately he rose. ...” (verse 34) “... But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, ‘Tabitha, arise.’ And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.” (verse 40)

❖ Jesus had the power of God flowing through Him to heal!

Luke 5:17 “... And the power of the Lord was with Him to heal.”

Supernatural power is necessary to have courage in the face of persecution!

❖ Peter and John had boldness before the Sanhedrin.

Acts 4:7-13 “...Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, ...’ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.” (verses 8, 13)

Acts 4:24-31 “... and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.” (verse 31)

❖ Stephen had courage to proclaim the truth of God’s Word before the council.

Acts 6:8-15 “And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ... And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.” (verse 8,15)

Supernatural power is necessary to live our lives for Jesus!

❖ Paul lived out his calling by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Acts 9:10-22 “...But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ...’” (verse 15)

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 “... And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” (verses 3-5)

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ...” (verse 7)

***“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
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All Glory to God throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

Endnote:

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