

## **GOD'S DIVINE POWER – A GIFT TO US**

**(II Peter 1:3-10; I Corinthians 1:5; Ephesians 1: 17-20)**

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (2 Peter 1:3).

God's power in us gives us the ability to live a life of godliness, which translate in devoted living to God for obedience and in obedience the bearing of fruit to bring glory to God. Through God's power we are partakers of His divine nature, which sets us apart to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit and to accomplish the task of manifesting His love to the world void of Him. In His sovereignty He works everything according to the counsel and design of His will (Ephesians 1:11) to establish us in the position which He has called us to serve Him. Therefore it is through His power that we are blessed with all we need to live for Him; otherwise our labor will be void of fruit and of the glory due Him.

Through God's power we are enriched with His promises to be found pure in Him, and to escape all the corruption that the world offers. It is in the knowledge of Him that we will develop diligence to His promises and in the exercise of our faith, which enables us to live for God and through faith virtue is developed into knowledge, the knowledge of Him, because it is through it that the "immeasurable, unlimited surpassing greatness of His power" is known and understood to us; In the knowledge of Him we develop self-control which develops patience and endurance and godliness, brotherly affection and it closes with Christian love, the love which originated from Christ our Lord and it is love that summarizes all by faith which opens the door to God and godliness

(II Peter 1).

The gift given to us through His power in His calling us, is for the praise of His glory; For in love He chose us to be His own, He destined us to be adopted into His family; He redeemed us through His blood and forgave us; He made known to

us the mystery of his plan; He made us His heritage in the agreement with the counsel and design of His will and sealed us with His Holy Spirit, guaranteeing us our redemption. The knowledge of God opens and unveils our eyes of understanding into insight of deeper intimacy with Him at the shining of His light into our soul to comprehend the hope of our glorious inheritance and His power, His unlimited power for all of us who believe (Ephesians 1).

Before Yashua left for heaven He said to His disciples, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you”. Yashua will never send anyone to do the work for Him void of His power; however many times we are so filled with our plans and ideas that we do go in our own power missing along the way the blessings of His promises.

When on earth, Yashua “called together the twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. . . And departing, they went about from village to village, preaching the Gospel and restoring the afflicted to health everywhere” (Luke 9:1, 6). Why should it be different today?

The secrets of the success in holding unto God’s power is (1) receive it (2) apply it (3) recognize it is independent from our power (4) always submit to it in whatever we do. “I can do all things in the strength of Him Who strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

It is His strength that blesses you with all you need to live a life that pleases God and to serve Him.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

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