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*Power = dynamis - The dynamic
unharnessed power of God.*

1) The Gospel has the power to offer us forgiveness of our sins

God:

He is Loving (1 John 4:7)

He is Holy (Leviticus 11:44, Psalm 103:1)

He is Just (Psalm 9:7-8)

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Us:

We became sinful (Genesis 3:6, Romans 3:23, Isaiah 6:5)

We deserve death (Romans 6:23)

We are spiritually helpless (Isaiah 64:6)

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Jesus:

He is God (John 3:16-17)

He died as our substitute (1 Peter 3:18)

He offers us forgiveness

Jesus expressed the *love* of God, upheld the *holiness* of God, and satisfied the *justice* of God to offer us *forgiveness*.

2) The Gospel has the power to turn us from the power of Satan to God

Power of Satan = exousia – Influence or authority

Devil = slanderer

Satan = accuser

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Jesus calls him “the evil one” (Matthew 13:19) and “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

The Pharisees call him “Beelzebul, the prince of demons” (Matthew 12:24)

Paul calls him “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4) and “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2)

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Satan has been *disarmed*

Colossians 2:14-15

Romans 8:33

Hebrews 2:14-15

Jesus has *all authority*

Ephesians 1:21

We have *authority over Satan*

Luke 10:18-19

1 John 4:4

2 Corinthians 4:4

3) The Gospel has the power to dispel the darkness

John 8:12

Ephesians 5:8

Matthew 5:14-16

People are priority!

Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be
fishing for people! - **Luke 5:10**

Jesus came "to seek and save those
who are lost. - **Luke 19:10**

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John 3:16-17 (ESV)

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Colossians 2:14-15 (NLT)

14 He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. **15** In this way, **he disarmed** the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

14 Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. **15** Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

John 8:12 (ESV)

12 I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in
darkness, but will have the light of life.

Ephesians 5:8 (ESV)

8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

Matthew 5:14-16 (NASB)

14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; **15** nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light shine** before men **in such a way** that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.