

# Experiencing God's Power For A Lifetime\*

## Because Of The Cross

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Once you are saved, and the Holy Spirit comes to live in you, how do you "Experience God's Power For A Lifetime"?

- **Be sure you are empowered by the Spirit. John 15:4-5**

*<sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing*

"Be so yielded to Christ that our supreme desire is to do His will." Billy Graham

'breathe' out sin - confess and repent 1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

'breathe' in - surrender the control of your life to Christ and, by faith, trust that the Holy Spirit empowers you.

- **Be prepared for spiritual conflict.**

We encounter conflict in:

**The World System** 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**Our Sinful Nature** Galatians 5:17

*For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*

**The Devil** 1 Peter 5:8

*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

• **Know your resources as a child of God**

**Jesus Christ - His blood, grace, will, purpose, truth, the Gospel, the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of

your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession - to the praise of his glory.

## **The Word of God**

## **The Wisdom of God, Hope**

## **Power from the Holy Spirit**

## **The Armor of God** (Ephesians 6:10-18)

### **• Live by faith –**

#### **Love God and Love others** 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

<sup>13</sup>Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. <sup>14</sup>Do everything in love.

#### **Rejoice, Pray Continually and Give Thanks** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

#### **Be humble** Peter 5:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**and**

#### **Be content** Philippians 4:11-13

<sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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