

Living Right Side Up in Our Upside Down World
Unleashing God's Power
Acts 2:1-18

Memorial Day

Remembering The Price for Freedom

<i>Conflict of War</i>	<i>Killed</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>American Revolution (1775-1783)</i>	8,000	17,000	25,000
<i>Civil War (1861-1865)</i>	212,938	~410,000	~625,000
<i>World War I (1917-1918)</i>	53,402	63,114	116,516
<i>World War II (1941-1945)</i>	291,557	113,842	405,399
<i>Korean War (1950-1953)</i>	33,686	2,830	36,516
<i>Vietnam War (1964-1975)</i>	47,424	10,785	58,209
<i>Afghanistan War (2001-present)</i>	1,435	368	1,803
<i>Korean War (2003-2011)</i>	3,542	935	4,477
<i>Grand Totals (1775-present)</i>	848,163	437,421	1,343,812

Believers have not only been DELIVERED from the power of DARKNESS, but we have been USHERED into the power of GOD

1. WALK in God's Power

Acts 1:8 (ESV) — 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.”

Acts 2:1–4a (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a

sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV) — And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Romans 8:11 (ESV) — If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:16 (ESV) — The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

2. WITNESS through God's Power

Acts 2:4–8 (ESV) — And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in

his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?”

Acts 2:11b (ESV)

... we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

Believers are the walking, breathing testimony of God’s Kingdom here on earth!

➤ **The CHARACTER of God being LIVED by you!**

Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT) — But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

1 John 2:6 (NLT) — Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

➤ **The KINGDOM of God being RELEASED through you!**

1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV) — As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (ESV) — To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

3. WAR by God’s Power

Acts 2:16–18 (ESV)

But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

The fruit and gifts of the Spirit are the battle armor and weapons for the war!

Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV) — Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

John 18:36 (ESV) — Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

John 12:31–32 (ESV) — 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Revelation 12:7–10 (ESV) — Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Ephesians 2:6 (ESV) — [God has] raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

Revelation 12:11–12 (ESV) — And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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1. _____ in God's Power

2. _____ through God's Power

- **The _____ of God being _____ by you!**

- **The _____ of God being _____ through
you!**

3. _____ by God's Power