

## *POWER*

### **noun**

1. The ability or capacity to act or do something effectively.
2. A specific capacity, faculty, or aptitude.
3. Physical strength or force exerted or capable of being.

## *DUNAMIS*

### **Definition:**

- 1) Strength, power, ability
  - 1a) Inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth.
  - 1b) Power for performing miracles.
  - 1c) Moral power and excellence of soul.

In the NET (New English Translation): power 68, miracles 13, powers 6, with power 3, Power 2, means 2, ability 2, of power 2, a miracle 2.

**Romans 1:16-17** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the *power* of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

The Gospel has power to:

- Transform the believer.
- Equip the believer.
- To accomplish the impossible.
- To redeem and reconcile the believer.

## *THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE BELIEVER*

**2 Corinthians 5:14-17** "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.



<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

**Romans 12:1-2** "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

**Colossians 1:13** "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

**Colossians 1:21-22** "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.”

## **THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO EQUIP THE BELIEVER**

**Hebrews 13:21** "Equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** "For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,..."

**2 Peter 1:3** "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,..."

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”



## **THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE**

**Acts 8:34-40** “And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.”

## **THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO RECONCILE & RESTORE THE BELIEVER**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21** “From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Read **Luke 15**. We were *lost* but if we are in Christ Jesus we are *found*!

