

Experiencing God's Power

Today, we'll examine the ultimate purpose of salvation: bringing God glory. We'll begin with a quick review of Ephesians and then examine four things that lead to a life of power and strength that brings glory to God.

I. A Quick Review of Ephesians

- A. Ephesians 1.7 - We have been purchased by God through the blood of Jesus.
- B. Ephesians 1.13 - We have been sealed by the Spirit.
- C. Ephesians 1.18 - We are the possessors of the riches of a glorious inheritance.
- D. Chapter 3 is a prayer of application.
- E. How do we get to 3.20? It's a process that is explained in 3.16-19.

II. Four Steps to Power

- A. 3.16 - Inner Strength.
 - 1. Your inner person is the real you. Paul says it needs to be strong.
 - a) 2 Corinthians 4.16 - externally - you may be falling apart. Internally, you can be refreshed.
 - b) Ephesians 3.16 - *strengthened with **power***. (Dynamite).
 - c) 3.16 - *power **through His Spirit***. Result? Confidence. Trust. Assurance.
 - d) 2 Corinthians 4.7-10 - what a tremendous testimony!
 - (1) We have *extraordinary power from **God***.
 - (2) The life of Jesus is to be ***displayed*** in our body.
- B. 3.17 - Indwelling Christ.
 - 1. **Dwell** - carries the meaning of settling down and being at home.
 - 2. Have you yielded your will to the Spirit?
- C. 3.18-19a - Incomprehensible love.
 - 1. His love will flow from you. See John 13.34-35.
 - 2. This is something to be experienced.
 - a) **Comprehend**: "seize" or "apprehend." Make it yours.
 - b) This is deep, experiential knowledge.
- D. 3.19b - Infinite **fullness**.
 - 1. God removes the sin from us and fills the vacuum with Himself.
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 3.18 - Day by day we are **transformed**.

III. A Life of Power

- A. 3.20 describes a life of power.
 - 1. Colossians 1.29 - God worked in Paul **powerfully**.
 - 2. He was a living illustration of Ephesians 3.20.
- B. 2 Timothy 1.7 - God did not give us a spirit of **fear** - but of power!

IV. As We Close

- A. Isaiah 40.28-31.
- B. But, as you follow the path, you'll see things in your life beyond imagination.
- C. Ephesians 3.21 - God wants to display His glory through the church.
- D. Is your life a demonstration of His power? Or, something else?