





1. God typically gives us a little more than we ask for.



- 2. Even though the Godhead is One, they do very different things.
- 3. When people pray for the power of God to come into their life, they usually are asking for a miracle.
- 4. The power of God is not as evident today as it was in the early church.
- 5. God's power is given to specific people for specific tasks that He needs at specific times.

dig deep

READ: Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

¶ What is this power that Jesus was talking about? What does are the limits here?

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT POWER IS AVAILABLE TO US, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN RELATION TO THE GODHEAD:

- ¬ [see Joel Chapen's diagram on reverse side of page]
 - ‡ So what does it mean that the Holy Spirit brings guidance & power?

READ: Ephesians 3:16-21

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

§ How does the Holy Spirit's power strengthen your inner being?

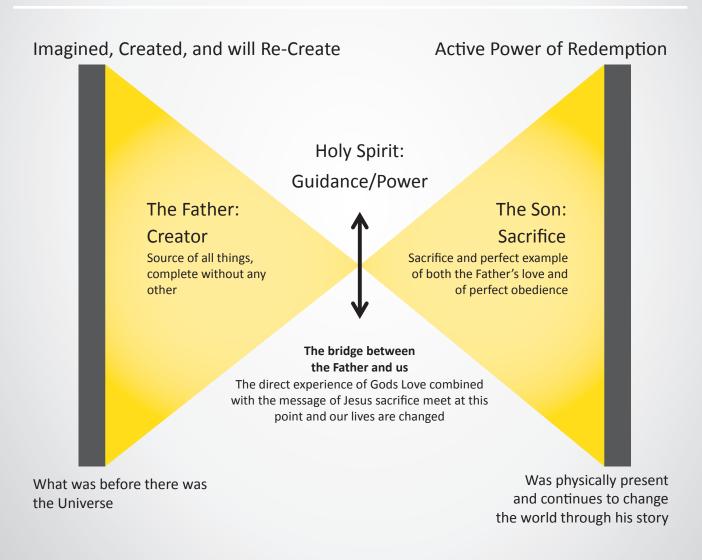
- ¬ Why do you think Paul referred to Christ's love using dimensions?
 - ‡ What do you think it means that God is able to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine"?

† Was this power offered only to the first Apostles, or to us as well?

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joel chapen's diagram



this week's conversation with god

- 1. How do I want to let the power of the Holy Spirit to work in my life?
- 2. How am I letting the Holy Spirit perform His role in my life?
- 3. What new beautiful element of God's character do I see now?

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