

HIS MEGA POWER IN US PART 18 of EPHESIANS CHAPTER ONE

Ephesians 1:19 **SLIDE**

And [¹⁸that you may know] what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us [in us] who believe [the ones believing] according to the working of His mighty power.

THIS IS HIS POWER IN US

The phrase 'toward us' is misleading.

The Greek word is 'eis' meaning 'Into'.

Eg: [Matthew 4:1](#) tells us that Jesus was driven by the Spirit INTO the wilderness .

*SO THIS PRAYER IS NOT FOR SOME EXTERNAL POWER WE NEED TO COME UPON US LIKE THAT SONG WE USED TO SING **IN OUR LACK OF KNOWING** -*

- *Lord, come upon us now and **release Your power** and let Your presence fall. Oh Lord, Oh Lord ... Release Your power*

THIS POWER IS AN INTERNAL POWER RESIDENT IN EVERY BELIEVER

Ephesians 3:20 **SLIDE**

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **the power** that works **in us**.*

'Power' is the word Dunamis and is always associated with The Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8 ... *You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you ...*)

Jesus said of The Holy Spirit -

John 14:17

*...You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be **in you**.*

THIS POWER IN US IS ALL WE NEED

This great prayer is not to gain more power ...

But to know the power we already have as believers ...

WE DON'T NEED MORE POWER IN OUR LIVES & MINISTRY ...

WE NEED TO KNOW THE POWER WE'VE ALREADY GOT ...

Another song we used to sing that was totally wrong was -

- *'More love, **more power**, More of You in my life ...'*

The writers and song leaders of these songs **did not know** what Paul prayed here ...

HE PRAYED **THAT WE WOULD KNOW** THIS MEGA POWER IS WITHIN US.

*This is the last of the 3 great truths Paul prayed **WE WOULD KNOW***

- *That you may know ... The Hope of your calling*
- *That you may know ... The Glory that is among you*
- *That you may know ... The Power you have within you*

WE SHOULDN'T PRAY FOR MORE POWER

WE SHOULD PRAY TO KNOW THE POWER WE HAVE

THIS IS HIS POWER TO **ALL BELIEVERS**

Ephesians 1:19 **SLIDE**

... [¹⁸That you may know] *what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward **us who believe** according to the working of His mighty power*

This text seems to tell us we get power because we believe ... And in fact, that is the way many Pentecostal preachers interpret this.

However, it's not telling us this power comes to us because we believe for power ... *even though it may read like that ...*

THIS IS SAYING ... **THIS POWER CAME TO US WHEN WE FIRST BELIEVED** THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD CONCERNING JESUS

'US WHO BELIEVE' IS OUR DESIGNATION ... JUST AS 'THOSE WHO LOVE GOD' in Romans 8:28.

WE ARE 'THE ONES WHO BELIEVE'.

'Believing' here is not something we have to do to receive more power ... but something we already did in the Lord Jesus Christ ... And because of our belief in Him, God has impacted us with His Power.

THIS IS HIS POWER THAT **CAUSES US TO BELIEVE**

This goes even further linking everything back to a Sovereign God. Paul here tells us ... **IT WAS THIS POWER OF GOD THAT ACTUALLY ENABLED US TO BELIEVE IN GOD ...**

In other words, our believing is actually a result of an encounter with The Power of God ...

Ephesians 1:19 **SLIDE**

... [¹⁸That you may know] what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who **believe according to the working of His mighty power.**

NB: 'according to' means ... **as a result of ...**

This is telling us we believe **as a result of** the working of His mighty power on us ...

Without The Power of God, none of us could even begin to believe.

Here's The Multi-Megawatt Statement

We do not receive this power because we believe for power ... but because we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ ... And we only believe because we have received this power ...

SO WE COULD SAY IT LIKE THIS ... SLIDE

GOD'S POWER ENABLED US TO BELIEVE IN JESUS ... WHICH IN TURN ENABLED US TO RECEIVE GOD'S POWER WITHIN US ...

Without His Power we could not even believe ...

THIS POWER IS HIS POWER

God not only wants us to know that His power has been infused into us ... but that even though He has imparted His power to us ... **IT REMAINS HIS POWER UNDER HIS CONTROL ... NOT OURS.**

Ephesians 1:19-20 **SLIDE**

And [¹⁸that you may know] what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

**NOTE CAREFULLY WHO'S POWER IT IS ...
WHO OPERATES IT ...**

WE SEE HERE ... HE, GOD IS THE POSSESSOR OF ALL POWER ... HE, GOD IS THE OPERATOR OF ALL POWER AND GOD'S GLORY IS THE RESULT OF ALL POWER.

SO THIS POWER CANNOT BE POSSESSED BY PREACHERS

Some preachers see that God has given them power and try and harness it for their own religious purpose ...

*They think they Possess This Power as **they zap people** and cause them to fall on the floor ... They create sensationalism ...*

SLIDE A PUBLIC DISPLAY, A RELIGIOUS SPECTICAL, BUT IT IS NOT THE POWER OF GOD.

*One preacher I saw – Pastor Chris – thought he had so much power he sat on a seat then got up and asked one of his deacons to now sit on the same seat. The deacon tried but couldn't sit in it because 'Pastor Chris' had sat in it and **his power remained in it**. The deacon kept being pushed out like some force was pushing him out.*

This can happen by Hypnotism or the power of Satan ...

This is NOT God's power as God did not receive the Glory ...

'Pastor Chris' received the glory and it wasn't done in the name of Jesus Christ.

GOD WILL NEVER ENTRUST HIS POWER TO A MAN

Psalm 62:11 **SLIDE**

*God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: That **power belongs to God**.*

Revelation 19:1 Berean Study Bible

*After this I heard a sound like the roar of a great multitude in heaven, shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and **power belong to our God!**"*

NB: The Glory and The Power are God's.

SO WHAT IS THIS POWER IN US?

We are told the moment we believed ... something exceedingly great happened in us ...

THIS IS THE POWER OF THE NEW CREATION

THIS POWER CREATED SPIRITUAL LIFE DEEP WITHIN YOU

SLIDE The greatest Power in this universe is Power to bring the dead to life in Jesus Christ. **NEXT SLIDE**

**THIS POWER IS AT A DEEP LEVEL ...
IT REGENERATES THE HUMAN SPIRIT**

Romans 1:16 **SLIDE**

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for **it is the power of God to [into] salvation** for everyone who believes ...*

Power = Dunamis – same word as our text

NB: 'INTO' salvation

THE POWER OF CREATION

The Power that created the Heavens and The Earth – the greatest event in the history of mankind – was '**a word from God**'.

Genesis 1:3 tells us God created with a word - '**LET THERE BE LIGHT**' ... **AND POWER WAS RELEASED** ...

SLIDE Can you imagine the release of power that created a universe multi-billions of light-years in expanse ... the ear-splitting explosions across a vast expanse as worlds were formed from nothing ...

*But **the new creation** that happens inside a man or woman **is an even greater power**. It is a power that brings death to life and a life that is so magnificent it is eternal ...*

- **WHEN GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS & THE EARTH, HE CALLED THEM FROM NOTHING INTO **PHYSICAL LIFE****
- **WHEN GOD CREATES THE 'NEW MAN' IN US HE CALLS US FROM DEATH INTO **ETERNAL LIFE****

SLIDE *This new-creation life explodes within us in another dimension ... it infuses eternal life into a dead spirit ...*

THIS POWER PENETRATED DARKNESS

To understand more fully the power of new creation ... we must understand the fallen state we were in and the demonic power that held us in bondage before His power rescued us ...

Ephesians 2:1-7

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath,

just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

We cannot really perceive **the power of sin that created death at the very core of all men and women** ...

The intense thick darkness of evil that pervaded this planet ...

But contrast that with ... THE DYNAMIC POWER OF GOD THAT WAS UNLEASHED AND THAT INVADED OUR DARKENED WORLD.

This power pierced through the satanic oppression ...

It shattered the satanic power of resistance ...

It surpassed the resistance of the flesh ...

- **The Holy Spirit exploded through all resistance into your life** ... not only to touch you ... He pierced you ... He penetrated your heart ... He exploded within you ... and recreated a new life ... He ripped the keys away from the dungeon master and set you free.

*“Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and natures night
Thine eye defused a quickening ray
I rose the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed thee’*

(Charles Wesley)

**PAUL CALLS THIS ‘THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER’
DO WE KNOW IT?**

*Last night in Sydney they had the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.
If you don’t believe this event is totally evil, as a born-again
believer you need to go and stand in the midst of it as I did many
years ago.*

*On the eve of that satanic event, quite by accident, I ended up in
the exact area where the Mardi Gras was about to happen ...*

I could feel the pressure on my spirit ... and the oppression ...

There was violence in the air! Death and Destruction were at its core. Pride ruled and demons danced. Everyone I saw in that place was aggressive and looked at me like I was an outsider. This was a festival of satanic power.

I SAY THAT TO SAY THIS ...

In the midst of all this oppression and evil, I know a lady who was gay and was marching in the Mardi Gras when the power of God penetrated the darkness and God spoke to her heart ...

IN THE MIDST OF ALL THAT EVIL, SHE WAS WONDERFULLY SAVED & WALKED AWAY FROM IT ALL.

THE POWER OF GOD PENETRATES EVIL WITH NEW LIFE

HIS POWER KEEPS YOU SAFE THROUGH THIS WORLD'S EVIL

1 Peter 1:5 NLT **SLIDE**

Through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

THIS POWER IS IN YOU NOW AS A BELIEVER

DO YOU KNOW THIS POWER IN YOU?

IF SATAN CAN KEEP YOU FROM KNOWING THE POWER OF GOD IN YOU, HE CAN KEEP YOU IN CHAINS ... BUT WHEN YOU BEGIN TO SEE IT ... TO BELIEVE IT ... NO CHAINS CAN HOLD YOU ANYMORE.

I PRAY THAT YOU MAY KNOW ... YOU SHOULD PRAY TO KNOW.

THIS POWER TAKES US THROUGH THIS LIFE IN TRIUMPH

DO YOU KNOW IT?

2 Timothy 1:7 **SLIDE**

*God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of love and of a sound mind.*

YOU ARE NOT SOME WEAK, BEGGARLY, OPRESSED PERSON ...
'GREATER IS HE WITHIN YOU THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD'

(See 1 John 4:4)

HIS 'SURPASSING' POWER

➤ **GOD IS NOT THREATENED OR PERTURED BY SIN ...**
God penetrates sin with superior power and explodes His righteousness there ... turning the sinner righteous.

➤ **GOD DOES NOT COWER AT SIN ...**
His power penetrates into it and prevails above it.
He took captivity captive ... triumphing over it in the cross.
The cross was not defeat ... but absolute triumph!!!!

➤ **GOD IS NOT THREATENED BY SATAN & HIS EVIL ...**
God penetrates Satan's darkest domain and destroys the darkness and liberates the captives.
God's light disintegrates darkness by His power.
His holiness invades sin and sin crumbles ...
His power prevails.
His life conquers death.
When His life meets death, it raises the dead.

HOW DO I KNOW IT?

PAUL PRAYED THAT THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS WOULD BE ILLUMINATED.

***SINCERELY ASK GOD ... AGAIN & AGAIN ...
TO ILLUMINATE YOUR HEART ...
AND YOU WILL KNOW.***