

The Power of Believers in the Dispensation of the Church

1. Understanding the power of God is just as vital as understanding the Scriptures (Matt. 22:29; Mk. 12:24). Mastery of both the Word and Power of God equips believers with weapons of righteousness (2nd Cor. 6:7).
2. Basic Divine empowerment occurs through the filling of God the Holy Spirit (Lk. 4:14; Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:13,19).
 - a. The exercising of spiritual gifts employs this power (Eph. 3:7,16).
 - b. This power is exercised by means of love and according to sound judgment (2nd Tim. 1:7).
3. Greater Divine empowerment occurs through abiding in the Word throughout any testing circumstance, the indwelling of God the Son (2nd Cor. 12:9,10). This is where a believer truly knows Christ (Phil. 3:10).
4. Ultimate Divine empowerment occurs through intimate prayer communion with God the Father (Eph. 1:19; Col. 1:11).
5. Teaching the Word of God is a demonstration of power (1st Cor. 2:4,5).
6. Proclaiming the Gospel is a tremendous expression of power (Rom. 1:18; 1st Cor. 1:18,24; 1st Thess. 1:5).
7. Human physical weakness highlights Divine spiritual power (2nd Cor. 4:7).
8. Divine power is essential in combatting fallen angelic power (Lk. 9:1; 10:19; 22:53; Eph. 6:12).
9. Individual believers, and entire local churches can function under Satanic empowerment rather than Divine empowerment (1st Cor. 4:19; 2nd Thess. 2:9; 2nd Tim. 3:5; Acts 8:10; Rev. 13:2).
10. All Divine power in the Dispensation of the Church is a taste of the power yet to be revealed (1st Cor. 15:43; Heb. 6:5).
11. Faithfulness in the use of little power will result in greater opportunities to exercise even greater power (Rev. 3:8).
12. Being seated with Christ (Eph. 2:6) means that we are seated at the right hand of power (Matt. 26:64; Mk. 14:62; Lk. 22:69).