

How powerful is the hand of God in the life of a believer and follower of Christ?

Through the prophets God said:

Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

Isaiah 48:28-29, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to *those who have* no might He increases strength."

Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I *am* with you; be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Jeremiah 32:27, "Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

As such Jesus added:

Mark 10:27, "With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Therefore:

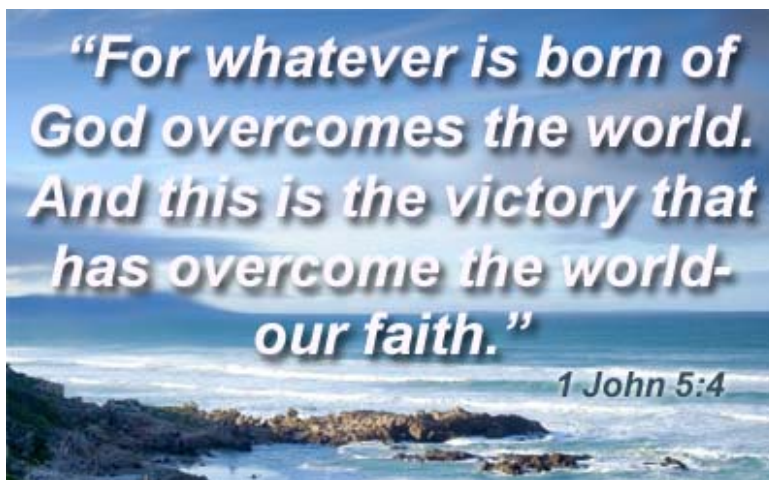
Romans 8:31, "If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?"

And in Christ we are assured:

Revelation 1:17-18, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave."

Clear enough?

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What are the elements needed to enable the power of Christ in a believer?

John 15:4-5, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

The heart attitude thus requiring:

Philippians 4:8, "Whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."

What's more?

1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

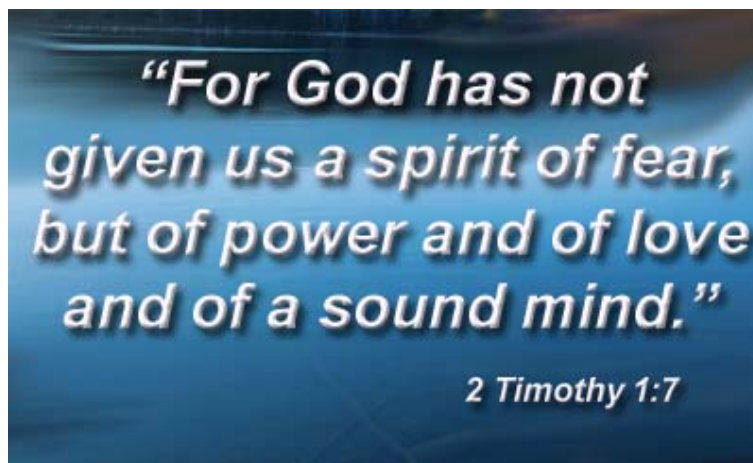
Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Therefore:

Ephesians 6:10-11, "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

How strong is my faith in Christ, so that I am enabled to defeat the enemy?

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Why do we need the power of Christ to face the challenges of this life? Philippians 2:13, "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure."

1 Corinthians 4:20, "For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power."

As such:

2 Timothy 1:7, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Peter 1:3, "His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue."

Romans 8:38-39, "I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The reason Jesus said:

John 15:5, "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

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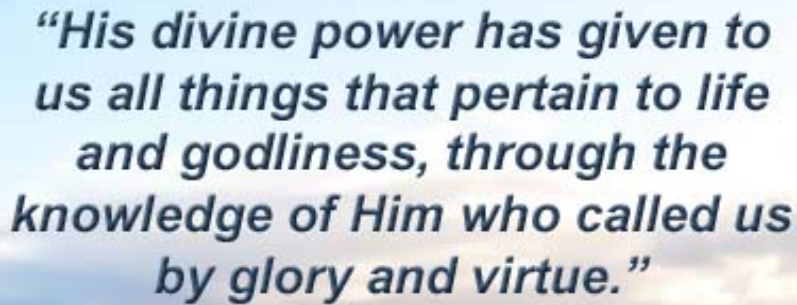
1 Corinthians 2:5, "Your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

Ephesians 6:10-11, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

As Psalm 28:7 says, have I put on Christ as "my strength and my shield"?

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2 Peter 1:3

What is the purpose of the power of Christ in a believer’s life?

Ephesians 3:17-19, “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

1 Peter 2:24, “That we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness.”

Why?

1 Peter 2:21, “Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

And in Jesus’ own words:

John 7:38, “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

What’s more?

John 14:12-13, “I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

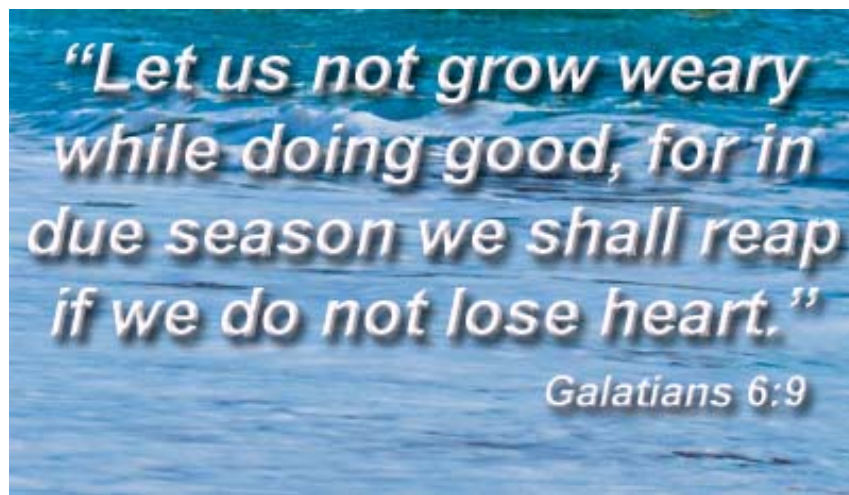
Therefore:

2 Corinthians 4:16, “We do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.”

As such:

Matthew 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

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How are we enjoined to live, so the power of Christ is activated in our life to the glory of God?

Colossians 1:10-11, “Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”

As such:

James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

What’s more?

John 15:18-19, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

Colossians 1:29, “To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.”

Therefore:

1 Corinthians 15:58, “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

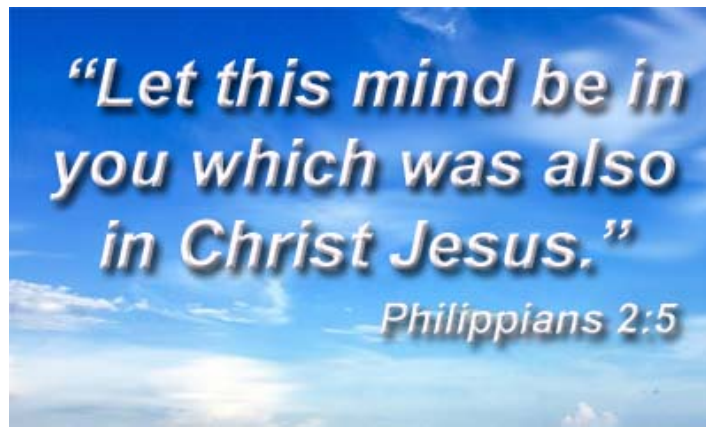
2 Thessalonians 3:5, “May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.”

Why?

Luke 1:37, “With God nothing will be impossible.”

How steadfast is my faith in Christ, so His power is energized in my life?

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What is God's ultimate purpose in enabling His power in the life of a true believer?

Galatians 3:13-14, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us, that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

As such:

Romans 8:1-2, "*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

Psalms 23:4, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

2 Corinthians 12:9, "He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Philippians 4:11, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content."

Therefore:

Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Do my mind and heart abide in Christ Jesus, so "I do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"?

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