

THE POWER OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF MAN



"I have the power to do all things through Christ Who gives me strength."

(Phil. 4:13)

A. I HAVE THE POWER TO DO ALL THINGS...

1. This is the boldest statement a man can ever make regarding God's power!
2. This power is totally invisible; only its effects are visible. The power "as of itself" is invisible to the human eye - a stumbling block to many!
"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature..." (Rom. 1: 20a)
3. The power of God IN CHRIST is perfectly "concealed" behind the Creation of nature and Man.
"but in these last days He (Deity) has spoken to us by his Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and THROUGH WHOM also He made the cosmos." (Heb. 1: 2)
4. This power is the epicenter (the core) of the gifts of forgiveness and redemption which God had Planned **OF** the creation of the world. Forgiveness offered "full and free" from a perfect God to a sinful man - and fallen world - requires POWER - immeasurable amounts of power ever seen by man - and that took place at the cross of Christ!
5. The power of God finds expression through His Holy Spirit.
If we wish to grasp the "role" and "nature" of the Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity - and in our lives - we must first realize that **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE EXPRESSION OF THE POWER OF GOD!**

B. POWER IS ALWAYS MANIFESTED THROUGH ITS RESULT...

1. The healing of the woman with the issue of blood. (Matt. 9: 20-22; Mark 5: 25-34; Luke 8: 43-48).
The power of God opened the Red Sea. (Ex. 14:15)
The power of God resulted in Sarah breastfeeding her own child when she was a ninety-year-old woman - instead of playing with her grandchildren...
2. This is the power of God - the power that turned water into wine. (John 2: 1-11)
This is the power of God - the power that restored the physical, sentimental, and spiritual health and integrity of every **living soul** that approached Him in **living faith!**
3. This is the power of God - the power that sealed with a finger on the wall the expiry date of the Babylonian domination overnight - and gave the green light to new empires - Media and later Persia - to be overcome by the "He Goat" - Alexander the Great.
This is the power of God: *"That night the angel of the Lord went out to the camp of the Assyrians and killed one hundred eighty-five thousand men."* (2 Ki. 19:35)

4. This is the power of God - the power that overcame that of the sting of death; having raised Jesus from the dead. (1 Cor. 15:15)
5. This is the power of God - turning Saul from a persecutor of Jesus to Paul, the most faithful defender of Christ and His Church!

C. **BUT WHAT IN THE WORLD THIS POWER IS?**

It is the one and only power that creates, provides, forgives, heals, redeems, liberates, saves, provides, maintains, protects, cares for - and loves beyond every human measure!

1. This is the power of God - the power that elevates man to a new life and in fact in the realm reality of eternity.
2. This is the power of God - the power instilled in our hearts to put aside our fears, our doubts, and our prejudice - the power that blessed this small local family of God at Omonia - Athens - Greece to become a refuge to the Syrian refugees as well! So, we come again to remember the passage: ***"We have ALL the power to do all things through Christ, who strengthens us."***
3. By the power of God we have received thousands of Syrian refugees who needed a place to rest their tired feet, their crying babies, and their exhausted souls; day after day for the last six years since August 2015!
4. The ministry of this local assembly, supported by many and for so many years - **AND YOU ARE PART OF THIS SUPPORT** - has become the place where the love of God has been generously served until today, generously offered through thousands of meals, clothing for all ages, necessities for the babies and children and everything else we have been called to contribute to - from legal support and medical and dental care to enrollment of children in schools or as escorting them as interpreters to dozens of public services in every area of our life.
5. Their souls have rejoiced at the table of God's love. An exceptionally good number of these families have been spread throughout the world - mainly in West Europe. They do not forget us at all. Our phones are full of their daily messages. Those who have accepted Christ into their hearts and have been baptized - whole families - are still students of the various Bible classes we offer during the week on the Internet. They are active members of our greater Christian community. We would love to meet with them all again and break the bread of God's love and take the cup...
6. This is the power of God: In our efforts to heal their "wounds" and dedicate their lives in God's hands, we ourselves got healed and revived - repeatedly - simply by watching the Power and the Work of the Holy Spirit!
By the grace of God we tasted heavenly joys!