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The Power of Being Saved

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2017: Year of New Perspective (Seeing like God, Hearing like God, Speaking like God)

The Power of Being Saved

Power: What is it and why do I have it?

- **Power: The faculty of doing or performing any thing; the faculty of moving or of producing a change in something; ability or strength. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **Faculty: That power of the mind or intellect which enables it to receive, revive or modify perceptions; the powers or capacities of the mind. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **Power in man is active or speculative. Active power is that which moves the body; speculative power is that by which we see, judge, remember, or in general, by which we think. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **Power: In Scripture, right; privilege. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **The exertion of power proceeds from the will, and in strictness, no being destitute of will or intelligence, can exert power. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **We have power for this reason...as born again children of God we receive and can exercise all the power (right, privilege, authority) we are re-born to receive.**
- **This power is meant to be active, not passive. It is not a potential waiting to be realized (by some external force), this power is waiting on us (our will) to activate it.**

John 1:1-11 (New International Version, NIV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave **the right to become children of God**— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:12-13 (King James Version, KJV)

12 But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13 (Amplified Bible Classic Edition, AMPC)

12 But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, **He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God**, that is, **to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name**—13 Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [**They are born of God!**] (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition)

John 1:12-13 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

12 But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name— 13 who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—**spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified**.

- **We have the power to become children of God. This is our right, our privilege, our authority.**

The Power of Being

- **Being (noun): Existence; as, God is the author of our being. (Noah Webster 1828)**

Acts 17:28 (NIV)

‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

- **We become able to exercise the power of our existence when we understand and receive that God is the Author of our being.**
- **Being (present participle): Existing in a certain state. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **Our being is meant to exist in a certain state, a certain way of living. That way of living is saved.**

Being Saved: what does it all mean?

- **Saved: Preserved (kept or defended) from evil, injury or destruction. (Noah Webster 1828)**
- **We are to exist in the constant state of understanding that we have been kept and defended from evil, injury, or destruction. It doesn't just happen one time, when we first receive Christ as Lord and Savior; it happens all the time, when we receive Christ as Lord and Savior of our daily lives.**

Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

- **We need to acknowledge that there is a state of *being unsaved* that we all can fall into: when we focus more of our thinking on our transgressions and sins than we do on being spiritually transformed and sanctified as children of God.**
- **It is necessary that we repent to God (and turn away from) our transgressions and sins. Once we do that, we are to operate in The Power of Being Saved.**

What's in your mind defines your reality

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- **“Changes in behavior always start with a radically new way of thinking, because what we believe shapes what we do.” (NIV Quest Study Bible)**

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Ephesians 1:2 (NIV)

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Do you understand and employ the power that you have from God?**
- **Do you receive His grace?**

➤ **Do you receive His peace?**

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which **you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.** 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 **in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.** 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 8:18-22 (NIV)

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 **For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.** 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.