

Not By Our Own Power

It is easy to get discouraged with the storms and battering of life. The greatest discouragement comes when we forget the power that is with us - when we think that we face them on our own. Remember, the power of Jesus is with us!

Scripture(s): Ephesians 1:20-23

Remember this - We rejoice as Christians when we remember the _____ that is working within us.

I. The first word that reminds us of the power that is working in every believer is _____. The glorious gift of resurrection power is the strength to overcome our _____ nature.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

II. The second word that reminds us of the power that is working in every believer is _____. This Jesus, who is our permanent King of Kings, is _____ for us.

Hebrews 8:1 Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

III. The third word that describes the power that is working in every believer is _____. It is the _____ authority of Jesus that empowers God's church.

Temptation - 1 Corinthians 10:13 Hatred - Romans 12:19-21

The presence of His love - Romans 8:31-39

IV. The fourth word that describes the power that is working in every believer is _____. It is the profound glory and the glorious responsibility of the church to reflect _____ the glory of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:7-18 14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?... 7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory... 12 Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, 13 and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away... 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Mark 10:35-45 42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. 43 But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Our challenge: Live your everyday life _____ on the power of Christ.

Questions to ask Jesus:

1. Do I give up trying to be more like you because I believe the lie that it is a _____ cause?
2. Do I pray with the confidence that comes from knowing You pray _____ me?
3. Am I truly listening to the Spirit to lead my life to be more like _____?

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