



**Ephesians 1:15-23** (NKJV)  
<sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the

exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.<sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be head over all things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.



**POWER**

## I. THE 5FOLD EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF GOD'S POWER

### 1. DUNAMIS - MIRACLE-WORKING POWER

<sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness (*megatos*) of his **power** (*dunamis*) toward us who believe,

The Dunamis of God – power, might, mighty work, force, dynamite. It is often used of miraculous power. It is mentioned 116 times in the New Testament.

Acts 1:8; 6:8; 10:34-38; Luke 6:19; 9:1; 1 Cor. 2:3-5; Mat 25:15; Phil. 3:10

## 2. ENERGEIA – ENERGY

<sup>19</sup> ... according to the **working (energeia)** of His mighty power. <sup>20</sup> which He **worked (energeken)** in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places

Energeia – Energy, effective, energetic, efficient, working different operations. Energy is power that has been liberated, and is actually working to accomplish something. It is kinetic power, manifested power, the energy working itself out and permeating everything. This word is used eight times in the New Testament (Eph. 3:6-7; Col. 1:29)

## 3. ISCHUS – STRENGTH

<sup>19</sup> ... according to the **working (energeia)** of His **mighty (ischus)** power. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His **might [ischus]**. Eph 6:10

The Ischus of God –force, ability, strength. Strength in a very special way - a strength that overcomes, that prevails, that conquers, a strength that when it comes up against resistance, overcomes it. (1 Tim. 6:16; Heb. 2:14; Mark 12:29-30; James 5:16; 1 Peter 4:11; Galatians 5:6)

## 5. KRATOS – DOMINION

<sup>19</sup> ... according to the **working (energeia)** of His mighty (ischus) **power (kratos)**... Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power (**kratos**) of His might [ischus]. Eph 6:10

The Kratos of God - dominion or reigning authority, might—the might of God, God's own essential might and inherent power. (Mat 6:10, 13; 1 Tim 6:16; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; Jude 25; Rev. 5:13)

## 5. EXOUSIA – AUTHORITY

<sup>21</sup> far above all principality and **power (exousia)** and **might (dunamis)**, and **dominion (kuriotetos)**, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

EXOUSIA - the authority, the power, or right to act. The ability, privilege, force, capacity, competency, freedom, mastery, or delegated influence. Exousia is used 103 times in the New Testament (Mat 9:6; 28:18-19; John 1:12; Luke 10:16-19; 19:17; Acts 26:18; 1 John 4:4; Eph 2:1-2; Rev. 2:26).

<sup>19</sup> and what *is* the exceeding greatness (megatos) of his **power (dunamis)** toward us who believe, according to the **working (energeia)** of His **mighty (ischus) power (kratos)**.

<sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

<sup>21</sup> far above all principality and **power (exousia)** and might, and dominion ... (Eph 1:19-21 NKJV)

#### THE 5FOLD POWER OF GOD:

1. Dunamis - miraculous dynamite power
2. Energeia - energy
3. Ischus - strength
4. Kratos - dominion
5. Exousia - authority

Paul first speaks of dunamis, a power in action; and then says that it comes from a force that is overwhelming and overpowering, that energetic force comes from the ocean of God's might, which is limitless and infinite demonstrated through His inherent authority.

#### RESURRECTION POWER (:20-21)

Paul illustrates the power and might of God by the resurrection of Christ rather than by the Creation. The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and what became of him after his resurrection, shows the greatness of God's power toward us now in this life. **Resurrection power now** - That's the greatest power source in the universe! That power is like the working of his mighty strength. That's POWER!

"The power that raised Jesus from death is resident in me."



"and they limited the Holy One of Israel. They did not remember His power; the day when He redeemed them from the enemy." - Psalm 78:41-42

They limited God!

**THEY** (the people) **LIMITED** (held back the full power and authority) – it was not God who decided to hold back, it was the people that held back his hand. How?

## 5 Reasons

### Believers Don't Walk In Power

1. Sin (John 14:30)
2. Ignorance (Hosea 4:6, 2 Cor. 10:3-5)
3. Unbelief (Rom 14:23; 3:12; Matt. 13:58)
4. Fear (2 Tim 1:7-8)
5. Prayerlessness (Luke 18:1)

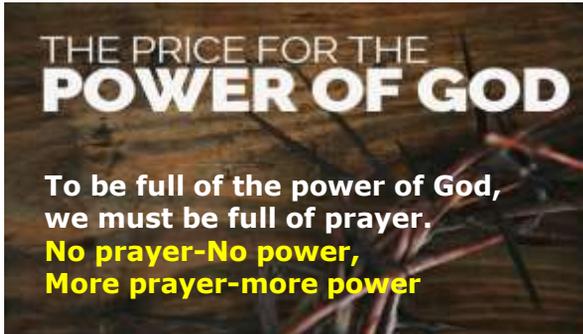
### III. Connecting with & Releasing God's SUPERNATURAL POWER

5 Keys to Experiencing the POWER OF GOD

#### 1. WE MUST PRAY: TO SEE AND TO KNOW

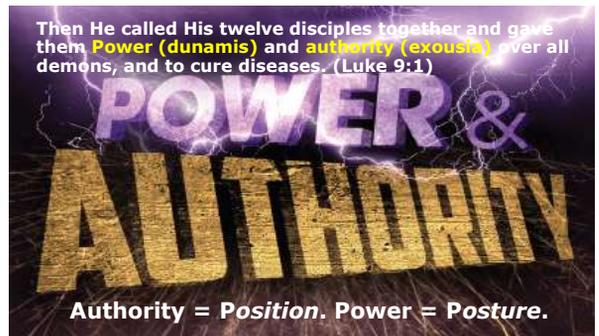
<sup>16</sup>... making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup>the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the immeasurable greatness of His power in us who believe." v19

Paul prays for the Ephesians to open their eyes to the source of their power, to **SEE** ... and to **KNOW** - Conscious, Experiential Knowing Now; "know" in the sense of conscious experience, the power of God **IN** us.



## 2. WE MUST SPEAK THE TRUTH OF WHO WE REALLY ARE!

Within each one of us there dwells the power of God ~ "But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the power ("exousia" meaning "privilege, authority") to become the sons of God" (John 1:12) "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in heavenly realms with Christ Jesus." (Eph. 1:6)



### 3. WE MUST BELIEVE: God's power is "for us who believe"

God's power in us  
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### 4. WE MUST BE "IN HIM."

#### The Power Is In The Relationship

The question is not "How do I get supernatural power from God?" The question is, "What type of person do I need to be in order for God to trust me with His power?" If you are going to learn how to walk in the supernatural, then you will need to learn to walk hand in hand with God. The power of God is given by Him. It is not something we earn or manipulate with a formula. It is something we learn to walk in as we learn to walk with Him and be found "IN HIM."

Power and authority can come only through a continual relationship with our heavenly Father.

5. We Must be  
 Powered by the  
 HOLY SPIRIT

LIVING WITH  
 HOLY SPIRIT  
 POWER

**Experiencing God's Power**

*"But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of justice and might." (Micah 3:8)*  
*"But you shall receive power ("dunamis") when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (Acts 1:8)*

**Manifesting God's Power**

Power to witness - converting power.

Power to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Power to walk in the gifts of the Spirit.

It is time to release the power within!

## THE UNSTOPPABLE POWER OF GOD *in you and through you*

- **5-FOLD POWER OF GOD**
- **5 REASONS BELIEVERS DON'T WALK IN POWER**
- **5 KEYS TO CONNECTING AND RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD**