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Pastor Dave Evangelista ~ January 10, 2010 ~ Ephesians 1:18-20; Acts 2

“Walking in His Resurrection Power”

Ephesians 1:18-20 “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparable great power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,”

God’s mighty power is demonstrated every time a person is saved. The salvation of a soul is a creation! In contrast man’s weakness is shown by his inability to create! Reform does not give life! A transformation is the result of a born-again experience. Our new life is likened to a resurrection!

Note the resemblance of power which the Apostle points out here. We begin with Christ in His grave. Compare this with the fact that man is dead in sins. When a heavenly messenger comes and we respond to his message there is a divine mandate for our resurrection...with the messenger comes a mysterious life—a life that frees us from death. In Christ’s resurrection, as in our salvation, there was a demonstration of divine power! It was a glorious power! It reflected great honor upon God and dismay upon the hosts of evil.

It was an everlasting power.

Romans 6:9 “For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.”

So, we being raised from the dead go not back to our dead works, nor to our old corruptions, but live unto God! *Romans 6:5-8* “If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.” This power goes beyond the resurrection!

It goes on to the ascension! The ascension was contrary to nature! Christ continued to ascend until he reached his father’s throne. So the same with the child of God! His power will keep us and take us to the Father! Jesus sat at the Father’s right hand. This implies: honor, pleasure and power. So the believer sits in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. *Ephesians 2:6* “God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

- We believe God is almighty.
- We believe God in His power: creation, Christ and the new birth.
- This power is for us today, we must appropriate it.

We are complete in Him. *Colossians 2:10* “...and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.” Having no need for the promises of Salvation, we have them in Christ. No need for wisdom which is needful to guide us—He provides it all. We have no need for atonement. We have no need for grace or comfort in time of trial—He supplies these. We have no need for man’s philosophy—the all-wise Christ gives us His Word! We have no need for religious ceremony to save us, we are complete in Him—His power is sufficient!

Thought for today: In the midst of a storm, a little bird was clinging to the limb of a tree, seemingly calm and unafraid. As the wind tore at the limbs of the tree, the bird continued to look the storm in the face, as if to say, “Shake me off; I still have wings.”

Because of Christ’s resurrection, each Christian can look the experience of death in the face and confidently say, “Shake me off; I still have wings. I’ll live anyway.”

John 11:25 “...I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
