

The Power To Overcome

Ephesians 3:14-21

HOW was JOB able to ENDURE his Great Losses? (Job 1:1)

Job had Great RESPECT for God...BUT he also “SHUNNED EVIL.”

Many Christians TODAY have Access to Some REALLY Good Things In Christ, but often we Don't Realize it!

How do we get POWER to Overcome Difficulty?

1. WE HAVE POWER THROUGH PRAYER. (v.16a)

- PRAYER is how Many Godly Men & Women Endured Difficulty.
- Whatever God Calls a Person to DO Can Be DONE & Should be DONE by ASKING Him to Supply HIS Strength. (Matthew 7:7-11)
- WHY did disciples Ask Jesus to Teach Them to PRAY? (Luke 11:1)
- Prayer can Overcome the Difficulties of Life NOT because of Who WE are, but because of Who HE is!

2. WE HAVE POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT. (v.16b)

- The Holy Spirit is not to Be USED, rather WE are to Allow Ourselves to Be Used BY HIM!
- The Holy Spirit desires a MONOPOLY on our lives.
- To Receive Power, not only must we PRAY...we must SUBMIT.
- WE must be EMPTIED before WE can be FILLED.
- The Holy Spirit Strengthens US WHEN we YIELD Our Will & ASK God for His Strength to Complete HIS will.

3. WE HAVE POWER THROUGH LOVE. (vv.17-19)

- What is Better than Being Grounded in the Love of GOD?
- Paul makes Three Requests in his PRAYER for US here:
 1. Paul prayed for DEPTH (v.17) (“Dwell,” “Rooted,” & “Grounded”)
 2. Paul prayed for COMPREHENSION (vv.18-19a) (Comprehend AND “Apprehend”)
 3. Paul prayed for FULLNESS (v.19b) (To Know, Experience & be “FULL OF IT”)
- Christ Wants us to “be FILLED with ALL the FULLNESS of GOD.”
- So Often, We're just FULL of OURSELVES...
- Praise God who EMPOWERS US to LIVE the Christian life & OVERCOME IT'S Difficulties, Challenges, Tragedies & Temptations...(vv.20-21)