



Season 8 Podcasts

The 'Power' of the Gospel

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The next aspect I'd like to share with you is the 'Power' of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We've recently seen in our podcasts that the Name of Jesus Christ is 'above' every Name. We've seen that at the Name of Jesus 'every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' We've seen that Jesus has 'All Authority in Heaven and Earth.' We've seen that Jesus sits on a Throne in Heaven surrounded by 'living creatures, elders, and angels.' We've seen those in Heaven bow before Christ and say, 'You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.'

I shared about Christ's 'Glory and Honor' in the last podcast. I'd like to spend a few moments on His 'Power' in this one. The Greek word John chose to use for 'power' in Revelation 4 is *dunamis*. It means 'force, strength, ability, might.' We get the English word 'dynamite' from the Greek word, Thayer's Greek Lexicon describes it this way:

“inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth”

Dunamis is often used when referring to Jesus Christ. ‘Power’ is not something Jesus has .. it’s something He is. Jesus is the Power of the Universe. Jesus created everything in Universe from within Himself. That is a power the is unmatched and cannot be fathomed by humans. When Moses first met God at the burning bush the Bible says he ‘trembled.’ We should all have that same attitude of fear and respect. The Son of God is not One to be trifled with:

“After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” Revelation 19:1-2

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True,

and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and

the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.' And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh." Revelation 19:11-21

The 'Power' dwelling within Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, is far greater than any other power on Earth or in the Heavens. Jesus is Power and Powerful. When the high priest of Israel questioned Jesus prior to the crucifixion about whether He was the Christ, the Son of God, Jesus answer thus:

“Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Matthew 26:64

It was that answer that sealed His death. Jesus spoke the truth in answering the high priest, but the answer was not acceptable to the priest. That is still true today. People do not want to hear or believe that Jesus is the Power of the Gospel. Jesus has the Power to save to the utmost and bring His people into a future beyond our wildest imagination. The question for you, my friend, is what do you believe about Jesus?

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