

Gospel



THE GOSPEL AND THE POWER OF GOD

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1 Corinthians 1:20-25

“Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not

know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a

***stumbling block to Jews
and folly to Gentiles, but
to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God
and the wisdom of God.
For the foolishness of
God is wiser than men,***

***and the weakness of God
is stronger than men.”***

~ 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

“Outside of heaven, the power of God in its highest density is found inside the Gospel. Nothing else in all of Scripture is ever described this way, except for the Person of Jesus Christ. Such a description indicates that

the gospel is not only powerful, but that it is the ultimate entity in which God's power resides and does its greatest work."

~ Milton Vincent

**“And how great is the
salvation it could
accomplish in my life, if I
would only embrace it by
faith and give it a central
place in my thoughts each
day!”**

~ Milton Vincent

I. God's Power Resides In The Gospel



***“...to us who are being
saved it is the power of
God.”***

~ 1 Corinthians 1:18

II. The Cross Is The Power Of God



“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

~ 1 Corinthians 1:18

III. The Supremacy Of The Power Of God



“The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.”

~ Psalm 33:10-11

***“...Blessed is the nation
whose God is the
LORD, the people whom
he has chosen as his
heritage!”***

~ Psalm 33:12

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IV. The Gospel Is Foolishness To The Culture Around Us

V. The Effectiveness Of This Gospel Power



“...but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

~ 1 Corinthians 1:24

“The important thing is the divine initiative, the call of God. Here, *called* implies that the call has been heeded; it is an effectual call. Those called know that the crucified Christ means power.

Before the call, they were defeated by sin; now there is a new power at work in them, *the power of God.*”

~ Leon Morris

**The Gospel is the Power
of God.**

**The Truth will set you
Free.**

**Grace is the Power and
Ability to do God's will.**

Gospel = the power

Truth = sets free

**Grace = the power and
ability to do His will**

“...his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...”

~ 2 Peter 1:3

“...how great is the salvation [the Gospel] could accomplish in my life, if I would only embrace it by faith and give it a central place in my thoughts each day!”

~ Milton Vincent

**1. What could such power
accomplish in your life?**

1. What could such power accomplish in your life?

2. What is it in your life that robs your joy and heaps condemnation on you? What scares you? What torments you?

“The power of God is that ability and strength, whereby he can bring to pass whatsoever he please; whatsoever his infinite wisdom counteract, and

**whatsoever the infinite
purity of His will can
resolve.”**

~ Steve Charnock

“Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any

*place for them in heaven.
And the great dragon was
thrown down, that ancient
serpent, who is called the
devil and Satan, the
deceiver of the whole
world—he was thrown
down to*

***the earth, and his angels
were thrown down with
him. And I heard a loud
voice in heaven, saying,
“Now the salvation and
the power and the
kingdom of our God and
the authority of his Christ,***

***have come, for the
accuser of our brothers
has been thrown down,
who accuses them day
and night before our God.
And they have conquered
him by the blood of the
Lamb and by the word***

***of their testimony, for
they loved not their lives
even unto death.***

***Therefore, rejoice, O
heavens and you who
dwell in them!”***

~ Revelation 12:7-12

