

The Display of God's Power in Believers

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 39

Ephesians 1:19

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¹⁶ ...my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give you a spirit of revelation-based wisdom in the full knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ — the eyes of your heart having been enlightened — so that you would

understand what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power unto us who believe by virtue of¹ the working² of the might of His strength,... [DJP]

Introduction:

I. Unarguable _____

A. Every Last Christian, By Definition, Is a _____ er

B. Not All _____ “Faith” Is _____ Faith

1. Described

2. Proven

Mark ____:____

John ____:____-____

James ____:____

C. Every Last Christian, By Definition, Believes Certain _____ In a Certain _____

1. Which?

a. That **Jesus** is...

John ____:____

John ____:____

Romans ____:____

1 Corinthians ____:____

b. That **we** are...

c. That we are...

d. That we have...

2. How?

D. Every L____st Human Being, By Definition, _____s Those Truths

1. We does not see them truly at all; *spiritual* problem, not merely intellectual

Romans ____:____

Romans ____:____

Ephesians ____:____

¹ Or *according to*.

² Or *exertion, operation*.

2. What little we do manage to see...
 - 1 Corinthians ___:___
 - Romans ___:___
3. Our natural response then is that...

II. One Much-Argued Truth: God _____ Powerfully Brings Us to _____

A. What Paul Says

1. What we are to understand: “what is the surpassing greatness of His power”
2. Where we see it displayed: “unto us who believe”
3. How it is displayed: “us who believe...”
 - a. “...by virtue of...”
 - Ephesians ___:___
 - Philippians ___:___
 - Colossians ___:___
 - b. “...the working of the might of His strength”
 - i. The parts
 - (1) “Power” (*dunamis*) is capacity, ability, potential power to do something
 - (2) “Working” (*energeia*) refers to *power* actually *put into action*
 - (3) “Might” (*kratos*) refers to strength as a force of power, something that can overcome resistance
 - (4) “Strength” (*ischus*) refers to inherent strength; how strong someone is
 - ii. Illustrated:
4. What our saving faith demonstrates:

B. What God Does

1. He shines on our darkness (2 Corinthians ___:___)
2. He breathes life into our death (Ephesians ___:___ - ___)
3. He opens our closed hearts (Acts ___:___b)
4. He gives us faith (Philippians ___:___; Ephesians ___:___ - ___)

C. What This Means

- 1 Corinthians ___:___
- 1 Corinthians ___:___