

Divine Power

Acts 9:32-43

Introduction

Jesus always heals entirely, completely.

"they turned to the Lord." v35

More than just believing, the people repent and turn to the Lord when they witness His power on display.

"She was full of good works and acts of charity." v36

Peter and Jonah – a comparison in contrast

"they had washed her" v37

God gives more work to working saints.

(v39) God fills the hearts of those served with great affection and deep appreciation for the selfless servant.

"put them all outside"

"knelt down and prayed"

Peter demonstrates tremendous power in prayer.

"Tabitha arise"

"Talitha cumi" (Mark 5:49).

"many believed in the Lord." v42

"many people believed in the Lord"

Peter no longer had any prejudice against Gentiles.

The apostle Paul ascribes the power he needed to endure a hard life and ministry to *divine power*.

Galatians 2:8

Ephesians 3:7

Colossians 1:28-29

Romans 15:18-19

The same *divine power* resides in all true believers.

We often underestimate the power that resides in each one of us Christians.

There is a wide diversity of gifts and callings, but one Spirit who provides the power to perform them.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

1 Peter 4:10-11

2 Corinthians 10:4-5; cp Eph. 6:10

Philippians 2:12-13

By what means is divine power *weakened* in us?

1. Fears/Depression
2. Doubt/Unbelief
3. Sin/Error
4. Anger/Bitterness
5. Self-focus/self-pity

By what means is divine power *strengthened* in us?

1. Prayer/Prayer/Prayer (Luke 21:36)
2. Consistent Scripture reading, meditating, memorizing (Ps. 119:28)
3. Worship – individual and corporate
4. Faith/Unwavering belief in God (Acts 16:5; 1 Cor. 2:4-5)
5. Humility (2 Cor. 12:9; 2 Cor. 13:4)
6. Fellowship/Encouragement (Acts 15:30-32)
7. Selfless acts of Service (1 Pet. 4:10-11 above)

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Colossians 1:11-12

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 3:20-21