

## The Power of God in the Life of A Believer – 08/9/20

**TEXT- 1 Cor. 1:18-29** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**INTRO** – There is something about the Christian life that is powerful.

Other religions expanded by war and by force. But true Christianity spread even during persecution but never by force.

The Bible has stood the test of time. The true church has survived and thrived in all nations of the world.

### I. The Power of the Word of God

In 303 the Roman Empire, Emperor Diocletian launched an attack to destroy Christianity. He issued a decree that all sacred books, including the Bible, be burnt. But despite these and other attempts, the Bible has survived

The Bible provides real solutions to the challenges we face on a daily basis.

#### A. It provides the path to salvation

**Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

#### B. It provides the path to victorious living

**Psa 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

The Bible is helpful to our lives today! It gives us priceless, practical help and real hope.

#### C. It provides the true message to people in need

**Jer 23:29-30** Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

#### D. It provides correction when needed

**2 Ti 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

### II. The Power of Your Personal Testimony

#### A. Can't argue about your testimony

**Joh 9:25** He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

#### B. You can show good works

**Mat 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

#### C. A changed life is irrefutable

**2 Co 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

#### D. God confesses us before the angels of God

**Luke 12:8-9** Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

**1 Pe 2:25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

#### E. Men have been martyred or persecuted for their faith

Jesus tells us that **Zechariah** (the prophet) was killed between the temple and the altar (Matthew 23:35; Luke 11:51).

**John the Baptist, Stephen, James – Jim Elliot, Edward Wightman Obadiah Holmes and others**

### III. The Power of The Holy Spirit

#### A. The power to save

**Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

#### B. The power to keep

**2 Co 1:22** Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

**Eph 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

#### C. The power to bear fruit

**Gal 5:22-25** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

#### D. The fullness of power

**Eph 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

**1 Co 6:19-20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Hebrews 11 – Hall of faith**

### IV. The Power of Jesus Christ

#### A. He is the eternal God

**John 1:1-5** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

**B. He spoke the world into existence**

**Psa 33:6-9** *By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

**C. He rose from the grave**

**Rom 4:24-25** *But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

**D. He is coming again**

**Luke 12:40** *Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.*