THE POWER IN BELIEVING BY KAREN SANKOWSKI FEB.14TH. 2016

Great power has been bestowed to those who believe, in Christ and God. The very reason this power **can** be bestowed is because of the accomplished work of Christ; and the fact that He **is** the exhalted Christ and now sits at the right hand of the majesty of high.

The Father didn't send Christ into the world without first preparing him a body. ...When He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me....Then said I, Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will O God. Heb.10:5,7.

When we were brought out of darkness, God also prepared us a body if you will, by the death of our flesh; buried in baptism and raised a new creature. A body <u>prepared</u> to receive the Spirit of God. A spiritually minded body.Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you....If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is LIFE; because of righteousness. Rom.8:9,10.

You have power by virtue of being in Christ! And the power given us is the Holy Spirit which Christ promised.

He said: Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do: because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father, may be glorified in the Son.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever: even the Spirit of truth: whom the world can not receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him: for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. John.14:12,13,15,16,17.

This power is not given to us to abuse or usurp the authority of our God and Father; but rather to be a help to us against the devil. And ultimately our complete and total victory; that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

We have been given the power to resist the devil! He must obey our resistance and leave by the power given us of God. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit; therefore he (the devil) has to leave because he see's God in us; which affirms once again that "light" not only dispels darkness- but has supreme power over it.

God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. **Eph.1:3**. Hence "The Power In Believing"; Is Believing in Christ.

The power given us supersedes and trumps all other powers; because "THIS" power comes from God Himself. Believing in Christ, invokes God's mercy to be dispersed among His sons and daughters as they call unto Him for assistance.

Jesus said: These signs shall follow them that believe in His name: they would cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark16:17,18.

Jesus also said: Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over **all** the power over the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you; notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Lk.10:19,20.

Are the spirits subject to us of ourselves-God Forbid! We **were** subject to the spirits; they controlled us. All praise be to our God; they are now subject to us because there's "Power In Believing". Believing in Christ has set us free from the bondage that once controlled and enslaved us.

And you hath He quickened; who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us; even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved. Eph.2:1-5.

Now! We are kept by the power of God! Through faith....I Pet.1:5.

No more enslaved but willing servants. For now, we have a good Master. The power in believing is vast and strong. It frees, It forgives, It's redeeming, It teaches, It comforts, It reconciles, It, justifies, It sanctifies, and there's great power to enable us to fight against everything that would turn us away from the very God who freed us. "The Power In Believing".

The apostle Paul tells us: I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. Phil.4:13.

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. **Heb.10:38,39**.

It's unfortunate that men have the propensity to think to small of such vast power; the power that has been provided them. I caution here: to think to small could have the potential of causing one to fall into doubt and unbelief. And putting ones trust in power alone will bring certain spiritual death!

It's not the power of itself that's important here; Your power lays in BELIEVING!! In the ONE who has provided that power. Believing in Christ, is what makes the power valid and gives it substance. I exhort you- Do not take your eyes off of Jesus, God's Christ. Don't loose sight of the ONE who has provided the power in believing. Amen.

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