

THE POWER OF THE CALLED

Part 1

Often, we overlook and forget the High standing and position we have before God. Sometimes we might even go ahead and sin thinking, “What’s the big deal? It just affects me!” If we fail to understand how much is hinging upon our response to temptation and walking in our calling, then the devil has already defeated us. The individual who is fully convinced of the Power and Position they have before a Holy and Righteous God is the greatest threat to the forces of darkness. This person will not lightly turn their back on God and His promises, or to indulge their sin nature. No, too much is riding on what they decide.

~ What we choose will affect everyone around us! ~

THE KEY

“Therefore since we also are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the JOY that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- 1) Remember the testimony that has come before you.
- 2) Repent and throw off your sins.
- 3) Get to work and serve your Lord & God.
- 4) Remember Jesus for how to accomplish this goal.
- 5) Use the JOY that is to come as motivation.
- 6) Look past and forget the suffering you must endure.
- 7) Receive the promise of your faith in Christ Jesus.

Who We Are In Christ

We are called Children of God.

“But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God’s children, to those who believe in his name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” (John 1:12-13)

We share His divine nature.

“by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.” (2 Peter 1:4)

Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed: that he might destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8)

As Jesus was sent by God, Jesus sends us. To destroy the works of the Devil.

“Jesus therefore said to them again, “Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” (John 20:21)

Jesus rendered Satan powerless, as we are to do also.

“Since then the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise partook of the same; that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death (that is, the Devil), and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Hebrews 2:14-15)

We are partakers of Jesus’ heavenly calling.

“Therefore, holy brothers, called to be partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus,” (Hebrews 3:1)

Jesus Our Example

Satan hates Jesus, and he hates us also.

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” (John 15:18-19)

Christ is our life, and we will appear with Him.

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Be mindful of things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God. When Christ our Life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:1-4)

As Jesus was in the world, we are to be the same.

“In this is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, that as He is, so also we are in this world.” (1 John 4:17)

God gave Jesus all power and leadership.

“and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength which He worked in Christ in raising Him from the dead, and He seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, far above all principality and authority and power and dominion, and every name being named, not only in this world, but also in the coming age. And He has put all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,” (Ephesians 1:19-22)

Jesus made the demonic forces a laughing stock.

“Having stripped rulers and authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it.” (Colossians 2:15)

We are now strengthened with all power.

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every work and increasing in the knowledge of God, being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, to all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness,” (Colossians 1:9-11)

We Are Given Christ's Authority

All authority was given to Jesus.

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **All authority is given to Me** in Heaven and in earth. **Therefore go** and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

We have a legal right to ask/command in the Name of Jesus.

“And in that day you shall ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, Whatever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give you. Before now you have asked nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full.” (John 16:23-24)

We are joint heirs with Christ; we receive our portion of His birthright.

And if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; so that if we suffer with Him, we may also be glorified together.
(Romans 8:17)

According to His power Jesus has given us all things.

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue,”
(2 Peter 1:2-3)

We are blessed with all spiritual blessings.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ; according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,” (Ephesians 1:3-5)

Part 1 Recap:

The Mission Is The Commission

The great commission was a direct command of Jesus to His followers- NOT a suggestion!

All power has been given to Jesus!

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18)

So He has the authority to direct us to go do what He did!

“Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” (Matthew 28:19)

Then He says “I, Jesus, the power source, will always be with you.”

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IN CLOSING:

We are quickly coming to a time when the faithful will have to deal with sorrow and suffering in ways we have not known. We must prepare our hearts with these verses:

**“I have spoken these things to you so that you might have peace in Me. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.”
(John 16:33)**

“He who loves his life shall lose it. And he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant shall be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.” (John 12:25-26)

“And therefore you now have sorrow. But I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” (John 16:22)