

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(Monday – 02/23/09 – Pastor Pete Norris)___

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us ward that believes, according to the working of his mighty power. (Ephesians 1:19)

In this verse, Paul uses five different words to describe the vast power of God which is placed at our disposal as His children. The word translated “exceeding” is *hyperballon*, which means, “a throwing beyond,” and depicts something that is far beyond our wildest expectations. What is being thrown beyond our wildest expectations? It is the greatness of God’s power. This “power” is the Greek word *dunamis*, which means “inherent power.” Inherent means that it is in our possession but waiting for our signal to be released or activated.

Inherent power is potential, always ready for the signal to be released. And Paul says that the inherent power of God is beyond our imagining! Immediately after Paul gives us a glimpse of the vast potential power we possess in Christ Jesus, he goes with “the working of his mighty power.” In the Greek text, “working” is the word *energeia*, from which we derive the energy. *Energeia* speaks of energy that is being expended, exercised, and put into full operation. And what, exactly is being expended? His mighty power!

“Mighty” is *ischus* and “power” is *kratos* in the Greek. *Ichus* is raw strength and literally an endowment of physical prowess. *Kratos* is manifested strength, might, or power. Paul is giving us a multiple portion of power in this one verse of Scripture! Why do you think the Holy Spirit is leading him to do this? Because He wants us to get a revelation of the massive power available to us when we simply believe and act upon God’s Word. His power is made available toward “us who believe.” All of those who come through the door of faith have access to the full and exceeding greatness and limitlessness of God’s power!

God has unlimited ability to get us out of trouble. He has unlimited resources for making sure that we can do all He has called us to do. He has unlimited capacity for taking us from where we are to where He desires us to be. Furthermore, He is continually looking for opportunities to display and operate in power on our behalf.

Walk in the Power

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