

Equipping a Generation on Purpose pt5

# We Are Equipped with Power



Romans 1:6

1Corinthians 2:3-5

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- **RECAP – Previous Series Lessons**

- Why are we equipped?
- Who was doing the equipping?
- What can we expect from being equipped?
- What were the manifested (tangible) results of an equipped person?
- What were the expectations God had for an equipped person?
- How equipping prepares us for a new lifestyle

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## **How are We Being Equipped?**

**Equipped in general means:** providing someone all the necessary facilities for achieving a task

*Katartismós* – To make adequate. To make fully ready. Cause to be fully qualified

*katartismós* does not signify the process of being qualified but rather the process as already **completed!**

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- **RECAP – Previous Series Lessons**

- **We Are Equipped With:**

- 1. Power**

- 2. Authority**

- 3. Spiritual Armor**

- 4. Gifts from the Godhead**

- 5. The Holy Spirit**

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## Defining Power

**Dúnamis** – it speaks of might, strength or “*potential power*”, “*actual power*” but especially “*inherent power*” that’s residing in the nature of a thing

It is seen in such English words as:

- “*dynamic*” (a powerful person or movement),
- “*dynamo*” (a power-producing machine),
- “*dynamite*” (an extremely powerful explosive)

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- **Divine Power** has the characteristics of **dynamite** which simple is an:
  - *energy unleashed to IMPACT the habitation it has been placed.*
  - *It drastically alters/disrupts or even changes the environment*

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## All Power Comes from God

- *For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. **2Tim 1:7 (NRSV)***
- *Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God! **Ps 68:35(NRSV)***

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## All Power Comes from God

- *Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.”<sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today* **Deut 8:17-18(NRSV)**



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## The Gospel is Power

The Gospel is **not** logical  
The Gospel is dynamical

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- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Rom 1:16(NRSV)*
- One of Salvation's basic meanings is *"to rescue from danger or distress."*
- **It provides relevance for the whole person** but depends on one's willingness to receive(believe) the message

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**Power is meant to be expressed  
through the Gospel Message**

*For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. **1Cor 2:3-5(NRSV)***

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- Power for the believer is necessary for:
  - Tearing Down Strongholds 2Cor 10:4
  - Acquiring Wealth Deut 8:18
  - Winning Men to Christ Rom 15:18-19/1Cor 4:20
  - Personal Strength/endurance Isa 40:29 (TLB)
  - Personal Illness/Weakness 2Cor 12:8-10
  - Being Bold 2 Tim 1:7
  - Doing the Impossible Eph 3:20
  - Life & Godliness (Success) 2 Pet 1:3

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## Being Equipped with Power...

## We Should Expect Great Things to Happen

### Acts 6:8