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**Y**ou are never powerless as a Christian! Once you are born again, you are endowed with the power of God.

*(Acts 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

As a side note, any time you read ‘Ghost’ in the King James Version Bible, it is a forgery. The Greek word behind it means ‘spirit.’ The translators used this word freely. In today’s vernacular, it connotes something evil. God is



not a ghost, but he is spirit and he is holy. Additionally, when you read ‘Holy Ghost’ together, it is meant to mean, “God.” But this is not always true. Only the context tells you if it should mean ‘God’ or the ‘gift.’ There is a huge difference between The Giver [Holy Spirit] and the gift [holy spirit]. In this verse, ‘Holy Ghost’ refers to the gift and should be translated ‘holy spirit.’

The wonderful gift of holy spirit is created within you when you

confess Jesus as your lord and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead.

*(Rom 10:9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*It’s almost too simple, isn’t it, to receive such power by such a simple act?* But, that’s how it is done. If you want Christian power, you must become a Christian.

*(Acts 2:38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of*

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you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The baptism spoken of here by Peter is not water baptism. It is 'holy spirit' baptism, exactly what takes place when you confess Jesus as your lord and believe that God raised him from the dead. Water baptism went out when holy spirit came in. John the Baptist baptized with water. Even Jesus was baptized with water. But water baptism no longer applies. We live in a different age, the age of grace.

(Acts 1:5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Uh oh. There's that 'Ghost' word again. But this time, you know what to do. 'holy spirit' baptism takes place when you become

born again. You don't have to wait for it. The Apostles did have to wait, but they waited for the initial outpouring only. We were never told to wait for anything. All we have to do is confess and believe.

(2 Tim 1:8-9) Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; {9} Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

We have been called to be Christians according to God's own purpose and grace. Do you see how the power of God is coupled with his grace? It is by God's grace that we are saved,

and it is by God's grace what we have such great power.

(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.

There is no shame in being a Christian. God's Word (the gospel of Christ) enabled our greatness.

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

The word 'cross' doesn't mean 'cross' at all. If you're going to spend any time under my teachings, you are eventually going to get an ear full of what things are not. Jesus wasn't crucified on a cross. He was

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crucified on a stake in the ground. Even the casual Greek student knows this. 'Cross' is translated from stauros (GK), meaning 'stake or post.' Please bear with my side notes. Some of this information is vital for your Christian growth. You just can't keep going through your Christian walk believing lies. They will do nothing but hurt you in the long run. My friends, through the stake of death we were saved. This is the power of God. There's another verse that specifically teaches Jesus' death was on a tree!

(Gal3:13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

If you stick around, you're going to learn mighty truths that will deliver you through and through.

(John 8:32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

If this is true, so, too, is the opposite. Don't fall for the lies.

(Acts 17:11) These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

You have been granted an almighty privilege.

(2 Cor 4:6-7) For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

{7} But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may

be of God, and not of us.

Honestly, you can't deny the absolute magnitude of every aspect of having Christian power. You are filled with it and it is solely and totally of God.

No matter what you go through in life, no matter the intensity of your pain and suffering, no matter the distractions, no matter the greatness, you have been given God's power. It will never leave you.

(2 Cor 12:9) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

You can always trust in it, believe in its availability, and use it to the fullest. Paul relied on God's

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grace. He understood this new age in which we all still live. He was weak plenty of times, but he was strengthened just as many because he believed in God's power during those terrible times of weakness. He became so adept at leaning on the arms of God that he gloried in his infirmities for one reason – that the power of Christ might rest upon him. He saw it. He felt it. He lived it and longed for it daily. We are to do the same. You are never powerless as a Christian! Once you are born again, you are endowed with the power of God.

Much love in Christ.

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