

GOD'S POWER WORKING IN US

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- The last letter Paul writes to his protégé
- Written by Paul around 64-67 AD
- Written by Paul just before his death.
- One of three pastoral letters that Paul writes.
- The letter pictures Paul in prison awaiting his death.
- It is dated after 1 Timothy and Titus.
- It is possibly the last letter Paul wrote.
- Timothy was pastoring at Ephesus at the time.

ARE THESE THE LAST DAYS?

(Acts 2:17 NIV) "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

What kind of days are they?

- difficult times ESV
- perilous times KJV
- terrible times NIV
- distressing times NRSV

People will be...

- lovers of self,
- lovers of money,
- proud,
- arrogant,
- abusive,
- disobedient to their parents,
- ungrateful,
- unholy,
- heartless,
- unappeasable,

People will be...

- slanderous,
- without self-control,
- brutal,
- not loving good,
- treacherous,
- reckless,
- swollen with conceit,
- lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

ARE WE IN THOSE TIMES?

People will have

- An appearance of godliness
- But deny its power

POWER

In the Greek that word is dunamis, (doo'-nam-is) from where we get the word dynamite, it means miraculous power.

Lets talk about power

- Power in Salvation
- Power in Prayer
- Power of the Spirit

POWER OF SALVATION

(Rom 1:16 ESV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

A NEW CREATION

(2 Cor 5:17 ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

UNBELIEVERS DON'T UNDERSTAND IT

(1 Cor 1:18 ESV) For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

POWER OF PRAYER

(James 5:16b-18 ESV) The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

ABUNDANTLY MORE!

(Eph 3: 20 ESV) Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

BY HIS POWER HE MAY FULFILL

(2 Th 1:11 NIV) With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

POWER OF THE SPIRIT

(Acts 1:8 ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

FOOLISHNESS TO UNBELIEVERS

(1 Cor 2:14 NIV) The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

IN POWER & IN THE SPIRIT

(1 Th 1: 5 ESV) because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

Posers

- Men who creep into households and lead foolish women astray.
- People who are always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.
- Men who oppose the truth,
- Men like Jannes and Jambres, who as magicians, through trickery, opposed Moses,
- Men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith

But what does the Bible say?

- They will not get very far.
- Their folly will be evident to all.

So press in to the faith

- Walk in who you are as a new creation in Christ, exhibiting God's Power.
- Pray about everything and see God's power revealed.
- Walk in the power of the Spirit.