

ABCD's of Deliverance
Class 2 - Faith in The Power

Today we will be diving into the Power of God. If we truly understand the power of God, we will have no reason to doubt when facing the devil. Our confidence in spiritual warfare does not come from our own ability, strength, or intelligence. It comes from knowing the power of God that is at work within us.

Mark 16:17 NKJV “And these signs will follow those who **believe**: In My name they will **cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues;”

1. Notice that demons submit to the believing Christian.
2. Our authority comes from faith in the power of God resident on the inside of us.

Let's take another look at the verse we finished with last week...

Luke 10:18-20 NKJV “And He said to them, “**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.** 19 Behold, **I give you the authority** to **trample** on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.** 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that **the spirits are subject to you**, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.””

1. Jesus has given us authority to trample the enemy. Meaning he is under our feet in a crushing, squeezing, and defeated manner. It describes total victory. You might also describe it like the crushing of grapes in a wine press where the original product is unrecognizable after you have finished with it.
2. Verse 20 points out that the spirits (serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy) were subject to them. They were obedient to the authority.

Something important to understand is that the authority to exercise dominion over and command evil spirits comes from Jesus Christ and is exercised through His Church. It is not through our own power, as you will recall from last week. We do not have to manufacture our own spiritual strength. We stand in the authority and power that has already been given to us in Christ.

Remember...

Ephesians 6:10 NKJV “Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.**”

1. The might that we can enjoy and partake of is found in the Lord.

Four Kinds of Power in Ephesians

Ephesians 1:15-23 NKJV “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that you may know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 **and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe**, according to the **working** of His **mighty power** 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 **far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.** 22 And He put all things **under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Dunamis (exceeding greatness oh his power)

1. This type of power is explosive, and can initiate in a moments notice. In spiritual matters this kind of power is released as a manifestation of supernatural power by the Spirit within the believer. With this power we see spiritual gifts released, evil driven back, and ordinary men taking part in the extraordinary.

Energia (according to the working of his mighty power)

1. It describes both the display of power, and the transfer of power. A good illustration would be a live wire with a current that is continuously moving and supplying power. When we are hooked up with him there is a continuous supply.
2. *Paul said in Ephesians 3:7 NKJV* “of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.”

Iskus (according to the working of his mighty power)

1. Iskus describes a continuous force. If I were to press against a large stack of chairs, it may not move until the proper force is applied. Eventually, the chairs will move; however, the moment I touched them, force was applied. The moment there is a release of power, the results may not always be immediately apparent. However, force has been applied, and whatever is being pushed will eventually move. We learned from our previous class that we should both humble ourselves under this power and utilize it instead of relying on our own strength. The Bible says God watches over His Word to perform it; it is our job to believe it, receive it, and walk in it.

Kratos (according to the working of his mighty power)

1. This final word describes God’s ruling power, or in other words, His dominion. Notice the following verses: “far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.”

Now lets put all of the qualities of God's power together to understand it in its full scope.

God's power is explosive, an ever-present force, like a live wire supplying that which is good and destroying that which is evil. It is through this power that our God will never be dethroned. This power has been made available to us through our relationship with Jesus Christ. God invites us to lay down our own strength and take up His. It is through this mighty strength that we go from weak men to kings and priests.

It is through our belief in this power that we become believers exercising God's power over the devil and his crowd. We are not fighting from a position of uncertainty or defeat. We are standing in the power of the One who has already overcome.

The Devil's power

Isaiah 14:12-17 NKJV "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 **"Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,** 17 Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?"

1. When we truly see the devil as he truly is we will see weakness not power. He is a defeated foe.

Do you remember this verse?

1 John 4:4 KJV "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**"

1. We will always be the greater force on this earth because the greatest force lives in us.

Where people get defeated is in the realm of belief. If we stay in the realm of faith, speaking commands from our heart, the devil will submit. We cannot come against the devil merely out of our mind or intellectual understanding, but from our heart. Faith is of the heart.

Romans 10:10 KJV "For **with the heart man believeth** unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made** unto salvation."

1. True faith that produces spiritual change is brought forth out of the heart and through the mouth. This principle applies in the realm of spiritual warfare.

Let's illustrate this with a story...

Mark 9:17-29 NKJV “Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, **who has a mute spirit**. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, **that they should cast it out, but they could not**.” He answered him and said, “**O faithless generation**, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately **the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth**. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often **he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him**. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “**If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes**.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “**Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!**” When Jesus saw that the people came running together, **He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!”** Then **the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him**. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, **His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”** So He said to them, “**This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.**””

1. The Kind Jesus was referring to was the disciples doubt and unbelief. Jesus referred to them as a faithless generation. I believe the disciples tried to exercise authority, I imagine they spoke to the spirit but words spoken out of your head will not reap the same results as belief from the heart.

As believers, we are more than conquerors with a great power at work within us. It is our trust in God and our reliance on this power that will get the job done. We do not have to fear the devil because the One who lives in us is greater than the one who is in the world. Our responsibility is to believe, and confidently exercise the authority that Jesus has given us.