Walking In The Footsteps Of Jesus

# Walking In The Power of Jesus

Colossians 1:10-13

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- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

# Introduction

- A. The power of God allows us to walk worthy (v 10)
- **B.** The power of God allows us to be fruitful (v 10)
- C. The power of God allows us to increase of knowledge of Him (v 10)
- **D.** The power of God strengthens us (v 11)
- E. The power of God allows us to show the character of Christ (v 11)
- F. The power of God allows us to be heirs of heaven (v 12)
- G. The power of God delivers us from the power of darkness (v 13)

# I. The Power of Jesus In Us

- A. Jesus empowers us through the Holy Spirit 1. The receipt
- 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.
  - 2. The result
- **Ephesians 3:20**
- Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

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**B.** The Holy Spirit enables us to live victoriously

- 1. You cannot be held down
- **Romans 8:11**

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

2. You cannot be defeated

1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# I. The Power of Jesus In Us

- C. The same power that raised Jesus is at work in us Ephesians 1:19-20
- 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

- A. Jesus gave us authority over the enemy Luke 10:19
- Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
  - 1. When you are where God wants you to be
  - 2. When you are doing what God wants you to do

- A. Jesus gave us authority over the enemy Acts 28:5-9
- **5** And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.
- 6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.
- 7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

- A. Jesus gave us authority over the enemy Acts 28:5-9 - continued
- 8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.
  9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

- **B.** Jesus has all authority, and we walk in that authority Matthew 28:18
- And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

#### 1 John 4:4

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.

- C. We are called to exercise authority in Jesus' name Mark 16:17-18
- 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

- C. We are called to exercise authority in Jesus' name1. When we possess that authority
- **Acts 3:6**
- Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

- **C.** We are called to exercise authority in Jesus' name
  - 2. More than just saying Jesus name
- Acts 19 :13-16
- 13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the LORD Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.
- 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.
- 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?
- 16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

#### **III. The Power Of Jesus' Resurrection**

- A. Jesus' resurrection gives us victory over sin and death Romans 6:4
- Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

#### **III. The Power Of Jesus' Resurrection**

- B. The resurrection power gives us hope for eternal life
  1 Corinthians 15:20-22
- 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.
- 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

#### **III. The Power Of Jesus' Resurrection**

C. We are raised to walk in the power of His resurrection Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

#### **Powerful or Powerless?**