

Yesterday we talked again about “Divine Powers”, but we could have called it “Divine Powers and The Light”, because in reality, the powers come through the light. “Say what?” “You heard me.” And if you’re thinking that’s just too weird, think again.

Is Jesus The Life that is the Light of men? (Jn 1:4) Yes? Did Jesus say that the one who walks in Him shall have the Light of Life? (Jn 8:12)

Yes? Is the knowledge of God that exceeds the limits of physical reality or human knowledge being shined into our hearts through the “glory”, God’s reflection, in the face of Jesus? (2Cor 4:6-7) Yes? Do we know for a fact that through applied physics like television and radio and Wi-Fi and internet and cell phones unimaginable amounts of information is being broadcast around the world almost simultaneously? Of course! Then why do we seem to think that all this “light” talk is just a metaphor? Why do we have difficulty understanding that man is simply doing through technology what God has designed into biology and cosmology? He designed all this stuff, and we’re in a constant state of discovery. And the same thing is true for “The Church”!

And everything that we’ve accomplished in technology could’ve been accomplished hundreds or even thousands of years ago. All the resources were already in place, we just didn’t have the wisdom and knowledge to make it happen. Obviously, right? Then why do we have such difficulty understanding the exact same thing with regard to God? **“In Him (Jesus) all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge are hidden.”** (Col 2:3) Notice the *all*? That’s everything! All of creation, not just salvation! Notice the “hidden”. Maybe we just haven’t laid hold to enough revelation. We need more light shined into the situation. But don’t forget about the trees! There’s a lot happening that we don’t see! “OK, what does that mean?”

At Jubilee we ended last week and started this week talking about trees and leaves. In the winter, the trees look almost dead, just bare limbs. Then all of the sudden they are covered with leaves! Often we don’t even notice the little buds that were there for a few days before. Then, bam! There are leaves! The point is that we go through periods in our lives where it looks like nothing’s going on, but the whole time the Light is doing the energizing in us. Things are happening, we may not see it or feel it, but that’s why, **“we walk through faith and not through sight.”** (2Cor 5:7) We have to expect what we don’t see. (Ro 8:25) On to “powers”!

Paul wrote to The Church at Colossae telling them that he was asking God for them to be **“increasing in the knowledge of God; empowered with all power down from the reflection of His dominion...”** (Col 1:11, enhanced version); and to the Ephesians that they would come to experience the purposeful good will of Christ, **“exceeding physical reality and human knowledge in order that into you all may be filled all the divine powers of God.”** (Eph 3:19, enhanced version) Jesus said that we would lay hold to power as The Holy Ghost comes upon us. (Acts 1:8) So there’s power and/or abilities available, and we’re supposed to be laying hold to them. They are shined down into us in the reflection of Him. And we have to expect them even though we don’t see them or feel them. What are they?

Most of you already know the answer. They are the “gifts” of The Spirit (1Cor 12), the fruit of The Spirit (Ga 5:22-23), and the abilities to minister to others out from the Spirit. (Ro 12) The thing is, it’s time to come to a better understanding of the application and operation of these “divine powers”. The list is not exhaustive, and it not just for “church”. Let me leave you with a picture out from the enhanced version of Eph 3:20^21, **“The One having power over all things produces out from overflowing abundance what we require or conceive down from the power being energized in us, His reflection contained in the church contained in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, of the age of the ages.**

Love never fails!

