

We spent time in the beginning yesterday morning to establish that, in view of what the angel told Daniel, we should consider ourselves now in “the time of the end”. **“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro and knowledge will increase.”** (Dan 12:4) Just look around.

From air planes to technology, from science to access of scripture, travel and knowledge have certainly multiplied exceedingly past anything previously known in history. In the natural realm, through knowledge and technology, we can unlock the powers of the universe. Wait a minute, isn’t that phrase “the powers of the universe” just a “scientific” way of describing The Kingdom of The Heavens, like, **“Our Father Who is contained in the heavens, distinguish Your Name.”**? (Mt 6:9, Enhanced) Hmmmm, hold that thought.

So, we’ve had all this remarkable advancement in knowledge and achievement. We’ve also increased in our ‘knowledge’, *epignosis*, to build upon knowledge, of God. But aren’t those 2 directly related? Doesn’t Proverbs tell us that wisdom will give us knowledge of witty inventions? (Prov 8:12) But yesterday we went in another direction, the ‘knowledge’, *ginosko*, to come to know through experience. Paul wrote to the Ephesians that our faith should be rooted in experiencing the purposeful good will of Christ that exceeds physical reality and human knowledge so that into us may be filled the totality of the divine powers. (Eph 3:17-19) How is it that we can split the atom, read scripture in many translations and hundreds of languages, but still struggle to lay hands on the sick so that they recover, or cast our demons, or speak in tongues, or experience signs and wonders? Did you hold that thought?

How is it we have increased in so much physical knowledge that we can harness the power of the atom but The Church still struggles and stumbles with the knowledge and ability to release the power that Jesus has clearly given? Here’s the way that we put the question yesterday, “What’s standing in the way?” And the answer? “The way it’s been portrayed!”

Think with me for a moment, all of the scientist, the builders, the inventors of these remarkable things had something in common – they believed in something that had not yet been seen or done! But they kept at it until it had become! And that’s all that Christians have been asked to do, simply put, “fear not, only believe.” Simple words that are powerfully true, yet believed on by only a few. “Why?” What stands in the way?

I believe that answer has 2 parts. The first is the doctrine out from men teaching the prevalence and power of “sin.” Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the law for us so that God, **“Of His own will gave birth to us by the word of Truth, to be a certain first-fruit of His creatures.”** (Ja 1:18) And yes, all have sinned and come up short but, **“all are declared righteous as a present by His grace through the redemption contained in Christ Jesus!”** (Ro 3:24) I’m jumpin’ up and down here! We gotta stop judging and condemning by preaching sin. We gotta stop teaching law instead of Life and focusing on flesh instead of Spirit! Number number 2: that “word of truth”.

We have got to quit treating the word of truth, what is real, what is in fact the *logos aletheia*, “the design of reality”, as if it were mere religion! It’s not! The “powers of the universe” that a scientist or even a philosopher might speak of is in fact just a secular way to describe The Kingdom of The Heavens. It’s not seen, but it is even more “real” than what is seen. You can take that power, authority, and ability and change anything. That’s what Jesus said! And that’s what Jesus did! And he said go in my Name and do the same! How? By coming to experience God through the purposeful good will, love, of Christ. And believing in that love with no “quit”. Like the inventor or the scientist, you just won’t let up ‘till you break through!

Love never fails!

