



THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S SUPERNATURAL POWER

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Everything created by God has a specific purpose. If He gives us His supernatural power through His Son, Jesus, it is because we need it to carry out the Great Commission He gave us. When we ignore the purpose of something, we pervert its function, people use it ineffectively, and negative results ensue.

SAINTS OF GOD

The Saints of God are those who have been given the privileged opportunity to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

This means not only the conforming of our inward character, attitudes, and desires, but also becoming like Jesus in all our behaviour and interactions with those around us.

It includes being empowered by the Holy Spirit to operate in power and miracles to bring God's Kingdom to this earth.

What Is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is the invisible, divine government that is established on earth when the will of its King has been carried out completely.

It is His administration influencing the earth, replacing its mundane operating system and order.

The Kingdom of God is the lordship and dominion on earth of King Jesus manifested in a visible form through the Saints of God.

Jesus spoke of three divine realms:

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever (Matt. 6:13).

The "kingdom" is the government of God; the "power" is the ability found in God; the "glory" is the presence of God.

The essence of Jesus' teaching is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

What Generates the Revelation of the Kingdom in the Saints?

- **Structure**
The *revelation* of the kingdom produces within our spirits *knowledge* of how to use God's authority and how to submit to it.
- **Order**
Order cannot be established in the absence of government and authority.
- **Vision**
In the absence of vision, principle, character, and a kingdom mentality, supernatural power could be used for other things and not for the expansion of God's kingdom and the blessings He has for His people.
- **Purpose**
Knowledge – or revelation – of the kingdom must come first in our lives!

The main objectives of God's supernatural power

What is The Power of God?

The Greek word for "power" is *dynamis*. Meaning: powerful force, potency, or inherent power.

Let us look at eight of those objectives:

1. The Formation and Education of Christian Character.

Character cannot be changed on the basis of personal ideas, concepts, philosophies, achievements, rules, norms, or disciplines. To effect change in character, we need God's supernatural power.

Religion is the result of not having an experience with God!

Grace is God's divine ability that helps us to obey God and function like Him.

2. The development Of an Effective Prayer Life.

The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

James 5:16b (Amplified)

Jesus said, *The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak* (Matt. 26:41).

3. The Fulfilment of Ministerial Functions, Living the God-Kind of Life, and Service to God.

Saints who serve God without His power will eventually suffer from spiritual or emotional burnout.

4. Victory over Sin.

When we deal with impure thoughts, bondage, and addictions by trying to overcome them with disciplines or powerless spiritual exercises, we can end up being destroyed by wickedness.

Sin no longer has a hold on us; rather we have dominion and control over sin through the transference of power that Jesus provided at the cross.

5. The Defeat of Satan and His Demons.

Jesus defeated Satan at the cross, but believers have to take action and manifest that victory on earth.

6. An Obedient Heart.

The only ability God seeks in mankind is availability.

There need be no "buts" in our relationship to God's will. Nothing will take the Lord by surprise. The entire field has been surveyed and the preparations are complete. When the Lord says, "I will send thee," every provision has been made for the appointed task. "I will not fail thee." He who gives the command will also give the equipment.

- John Henry (*My Daily Meditation*)

7. The Ability to Achieve Great results In a Short Time.

When God's power manifests, it produces an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit is able to transform and deliver those who have been in churches for a long time without ever experiencing real change.

An atmosphere, a culture full of God's power can make us advance in minutes to a place that would have taken years to reach in the natural.

8. Becoming Effective Witnesses for Christ.

But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (Amplified)

A witness is someone who personally experiences or acquires knowledge directly from the source and is capable of presenting evidence to prove what he/she heard.

We were created in God's image to do what He does.

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We must make the personal decision to commit ourselves and put His power into action. If we make the decision, God will support us and give us His power and grace to walk victoriously!