

RESTORE  
**GOD CAN: HIS POWER**

Wednesday, May 13

Reading: 2 Peter 1

**2 Peter 1:3** *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.*

It is never fun being in a blackout. If you don't have a generator, nothing works. No lights! No fridge! No stove! No TV! No heat! No power! The same thing can happen in our spiritual life when we depend on something else to give us the power for living. Some trust in their own ability and brainpower. Others trust in other people to help them out. Still others look to money and status to get them through. While all these things are useful, they cannot ultimately help us overcome the hurts, habits, and hang ups in our lives. They cannot give us the strength to break the power of sin in our lives.

Fortunately, we have an eternal Power Source. The Apostle Peter reminds us that God "has given us everything we need for a godly life." In Ephesians 1:19-20, the Apostle Paul tells us that the "incomparably great power" that raised Christ from the dead is available to us who believe.

How do we plug into God's power? Peter gives us some help here. First, we must have accepted the gift of God's salvation through Jesus Christ (1:1). Second, we can hold on to God's "great and precious promises." These include His abundant "grace and peace" (1:2) and the fact that we share in His divine nature (1:4). We have been freed from "the corruption in the world" and can instead live for Christ.

Third, we plug into God's power by growing in our faith (1:5-11). The phrase "add to your faith" pictures a choir singing in harmony with each other – one voice building on another. We need to continue adding to or building our faith. Peter gives us a list of attributes to work on. We must diligently seek to become more like Christ in our daily lives (more on this Friday). Most importantly, God has given us His Word (1:12-21). Peter stresses that he and the other apostles did not make up these stories about Jesus. They were "eyewitnesses of His majesty." Scripture is not a collection of men's ideas about God; it is the very words of God. The Bible is like "a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star [Jesus Himself] rises in your hearts."

In Paul's prayer to the Colossian church, he stresses that God's power is available so we can walk in a way that pleases God Who has delivered us from the power of darkness through the redemption found in the blood of Jesus Christ.

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, **so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way:** bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might** so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:9-14)

What are you depending on instead of on the Lord?

How can you better 'plug in' to God's power in your life?