

CONNECTING TO THE GRID

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The power grid supplies energy and opportunities well beyond natural abilities. This requires specialised infrastructure, to harness electrical power in a usable manner. Devices also need to be custom built, if they are going to use electricity to energise them. A basic understanding of electricity, how it functions and how we need to be insulated from its powerful energy, are essential. Likewise, an effective connection with God, is very similar to having a working connection to the electricity grid. God also has powers beyond our natural ability, even reaching beyond physical death and outlasting every atom in the universe. The bible is God's manual on how to make the most of his power, revealing why we have life and its true value to him.

Humanity rejected the power grid to life and chose short term pleasures and death. GEN 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt **surely die**. There are still people in this world who reject electricity and other energy resources, preferring manpower alone. Despite simplistic idealism; responsible, electrical technology offer remarkable advantages. Likewise, there is a far better life offered through the power of the Holy Spirit. Why is death more acceptable?

God claims we were created with a purpose, not a meaningless, evolutionary accident. GEN 1:27 So God created man in his **own image**, in the **image** of God created he him; male and female created he them. God also compares himself with human attributes to reveal his nature and attitude... allowing us to understand his intentions. This doesn't reveal his bodily makeup, because he is spirit, not flesh. This is why idolatry, both physical and spiritual are offensive to him. We should conform to his word rather than humanist imaginations.

God is a Spirit, a different form of life and with far greater abilities and powers than humanity. JOH 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** (those with a real connection) shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him (this is the way to get onto the real spiritual grid). **24 God is a Spirit:** and they that **worship** him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. Being permanently connected to the power of God, is when salvation (a new form of life) and miracles begin.

Just as proper electrical connections bring the energy of the grid into domestic use, so does the true application of the Gospel. JOH 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he **cannot see** the kingdom of God. & **5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water** and of the **Spirit**, he **cannot enter** into the kingdom of God. Believing or agreeing alone, in God and/or his Gospel power, doesn't connect us to the grid. Repentance and baptism can.

This is how the eternal connection is activated. MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that **believeth and is baptized shall be saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; Being obedient to God turns on the Spiritual light (sign), that indicates the Holy Spirit of God is present. This is God's choice to make, not ours... he knows our true heart.

Electrical transformers convert higher voltage to usable current that will safely function in the home. Likewise, the gifts of the Spirit access the power of God in a user-friendly way, but we still need to learn how to use them. 1COR 12:7 But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. There is a sign that indicates the power of God is active... common to all. All people speak in tongues when they receive the Holy Spirit. This is God's chosen sign, not ours. Then come the other abilities that are powered by the same spiritual source. **8** For to one is given by the Spirit the word of **wisdom**; to another the word of **knowledge** by the same Spirit; **9** To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of **healing** by the same Spirit; **10** To another the working of **miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another *divers* kinds of **tongues**; to another the **interpretation** of tongues: **11** But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, **dividing** (transforming) to every man severally as he will. We are encouraged to learn to use these gifts for the edification of humanity. By continually exercising prayer, fellowship, reading, evangelizing, etc. Continually using these gifts allows us to use the power of God more effectively.

Death (the powerless inability to maintain life), still haunts all humanity. ROM 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**: for it is the **power** of God unto **salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the **Greek**. Let us make sure that we are safely connected to God's power grid and assist the other saints likewise. Also prayerfully considering those who are still dead in their sins, because the power of God is not connected to their lives. Jesus Christ is returning to finalise the rest of his plan... those without God's power will have no future. Life is your most precious asset, manage it well and you will live without end.