

## THE POWER TO BE SAVED

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*When it comes to the things of God, most people have no understanding of what they are dealing with. God is trying to save people from permanent extinction (death), but most are blindly adhering to lifestyles that are more appealing to their human nature. God is not demanding a life of permanent denial and abstinence of all pleasures. He is trying to save people from certain death. Our natural perspective is short term and certainly devoid of any spiritual awareness. Spiritually speaking, the human race is brain dead, they are devoid of any potential and they are powerlessly living out their time; spiritually crippled... awaiting permanent death. On the other hand, God is offering us the power to be saved.*

**Paul very clearly tells us what the word of God is offering. 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. The bible offers us the power to be saved... not philosophy, not emotion, nor unprovable faith... the unrestricted power of God is being offered to every day human beings.

**To many people, the bible is no more than outdated spiritual and moral ideals for the weak and insecure.**

**1COR 1:18** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the **power of God**. Paul is reminding us that those who reject God's word will lose their life... no ifs, no buts, no maybes. Alternatively, those who comply with God's word, receive very powerful resources. The power to be saved is being offered to anyone who will unconditionally believe in God by obedience to his words. The power to be saved is also the power to be delivered. It is far more comprehensive than anyone could imagine.

**If the bible offers salvation, then it is obvious why God has requested his people to promote it. PSA 40:10** I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: **I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.** David expands his personal need to promote the saving nature of God... firstly, he opens his own mind to the potential of his knowledge. Then he opens his heart to those who are ignorant of God's plans.

**Paul shows his concern for those who won't open their hearts to the things of God... and the tragic consequences. 2COR 4:3** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: Those who need it most will never hear about it. **4** In whom the god of this world hath **blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. It is important that we are not assisting Satan's grab for power... we are given power to save life, not to lose life. To save the lost.

**We are encouraged to be strong and positive about the gospel... for a very personal reason. MAR 8:38** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. No one who has the power of God could ever afford to be in this position.

**The power that dwells within us can produce two separate results... one good and one very bad. 2THE 2:8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall **destroy with the brightness of his coming**: The power of God has two capacities... one is to enliven and translate into a new spiritual body... if the person is not walking in the Lord, that same power will consume them. What do you have in you? A body waiting to be delivered into eternal life, or a ticking time bomb which is going to remove you forever from any form of conscious life? That awesome power is in you body now... encouraging you to keep choosing your own positive destiny, while assisting as many others as you are able.

**We are always encouraged to take the best option... it is always our own choice. ROM 5:10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, **much more**, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. If we could be resurrected while we were enemies of God, how much better is it now that we have the power of God in us? God wants to wipe away all doubt and fear for the faithful.

**The final destiny of all men is in their own hands... God offers the power to save lives. MAR 16:16** 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; God offers proof for those who make the right choices... the proof never leaves us because His never leaves us.

*Like everyone else in the world... the choice is always ours to make. It's up to you, how you use the power.*