

The Power of Holiness

Ephesians 3:14-21; 2 Corinthians 6:4-7



Power

- Today, people believe power is something that is possessed.
- The power of holiness is not about receiving a new ability.
- The Holy Spirit indwelling us and His power at work in us is holiness.
- We cannot control how the Spirit works in our lives.
- The power for which Paul is praying is the power that overcomes us and changes us in spite of our resistance.



The Big Picture

- God is drawing both Jew and Gentile together in order to form one new people of God.
- Paul is praying that they will have power to believe.
- Paul is praying that we will know that which exceeds our ability to know.
- Without God's gracious intervention in our lives, we still would not believe.



God in Action

- The power of holiness is God Himself in action.
- This power is not at our disposal for our purposes; it must fulfill the purposes of God.
- The power of holiness is evidenced in our weaknesses.
- We tap into the power of holiness by heightening our expectations.
- It is okay to expect big things from God.
- The power of God must always accomplish the purposes of God.



Conclusion

- When we use the gifts that God has given us to build up the church, the church gets built up.
- As the church is built up, the power of holiness is revealed in two ways:
 - Needs are met.
 - Evangelism reaches the heart.
- In the power of holiness, the dimensions of God's love are revealed and lives are changed.

