
CONNECT
to the
GREATEST
POWER
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A NEW POWER SOURCE In the late 1800's the lamplighter was a familiar figure in most cities as he lit the gas lamps at dusk. About this time, Michael Faraday, an English scientist, invented a generator that could produce electricity, offering an alternate source of power.

WE NEED DEPENDABLE POWER Today we all depend on being connected to the electrical grid; towers and power lines cross the country to light our streets and homes, and power our many appliances, cellphones, and computers. Great strides have been made in the medical field because of this power. We are even turning to electric vehicles for our transportation needs.

THE NEED OF A HIGHER POWER Most recovery programs require participants to attend regular meetings, have a mentor, and connect to a "higher power" for spiritual strength. But we *all* need this connection. Two thousand years ago, a Man proclaimed, **"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"** (MATTHEW 28:18). Who was this Man and how could He make such a claim? We read in John 1:1 & 14, **"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the**

Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory... as of the only begotten of the Father." His name was Jesus Christ, God's Son.

HE DISPLAYED HIS POWER While on earth, Jesus exercised power over disease, death, demons, and even the elements. He said that He had power to forgive sins and the whole reason for coming was to put away sin by sacrificing Himself and dying in our place on the cross. He said, **"I have power to lay it [His life] down, and I have power to take it again"** (JOHN 10:18). In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul proclaimed that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day by His own power. Following this, he was seen by His disciples and about 500 more believers.

HIS POWER TO SAVE God cannot overlook sin; it must be judged. Jesus is the only Man who never sinned, yet He chose to die and suffer judgment as the sinner's substitute. That's why He could say, **"The Son of Man [Jesus] has power on earth to forgive sins"** (MARK 2:10).

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."
1 PETER 3:18

Here are some powerful promises from the Bible -

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." JOHN 3:36

"I give them [those that trust Him] eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." JOHN 10:28

"The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." JOHN 6:37

God is waiting for you to connect with Him. Admit you are guilty of sin, and believe that Jesus Christ died in your place and has the power to forgive your sins. Put your trust in Him. Why not do it now and settle it for eternity?

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