

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

The All-Sufficient Power of God
Ephesians 3:15–16a

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What the Bible Teaches About Prayer



I. Definition:

Prayer is the believer's vital communication link to His heavenly Father.

2. Elements of prayer

C Confession

A Adoration

T Thanksgiving

S Supplication

Intercession

Petitions

**To the Father (Matt. 6:9; 11:25–26;
Eph. 1:17, 3:14, 5:20; Col. 1:3, 12; 3:17;
1 Pet. 1:17)**

**In the name of the Son (John 14:13;
John 16:23, 26)**

By the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:34; 7:25)

Conclusion on Prayer

We must learn to pray, teach our children to pray, make prayer an habitual, non-negotiable practice in our lives.

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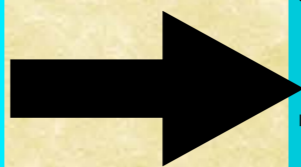
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to them He gave the right to become
children of God, to those who believe in
His name:”**

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**What the Bible Teaches
About**

God's Power



1. God's power refers to His omnipotence. He is able to do whatever He desires to do.

Three areas are emphasized:

a. Creation

b. Resurrection

c. Redemption

Creation

Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

Resurrection

Rom. 1:4, “and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Resurrection

1 Cor. 6:14, “And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.”

Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:43, “It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.”

Resurrection

2 Cor. 13:4, “For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.”

Resurrection

Phil. 3:10, “that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,”

Redemption

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Redemption

1 Pet. 1:5, “who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

2. The second broad area refers to God's power through the Holy Spirit for the Church Age believer.

“Through the HS” indicates that the HS is the intermediate Agent who conveys the power.

“By means of the HS” emphasizes the HS as the means of that power.

1 Cor. 2:4, “And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1 Cor. 2:5, “that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

Col. 1:11, “strengthened [*dunamao*] with all might [*dunamis*], according to His glorious power [*kratao*], for all patience and longsuffering with joy;”

2 Tim. 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

2 Pet. 1:3, “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,”

Rom. 15:13, “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”