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The born-again Christian has a strength that the world cannot see. We have a strength that is beyond the imagination of those who do not know the Lord Jesus. This strength is not our own but is the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ. You have powers that you don't even use, but if you did your life would be a lot better.

For instance, when your neighbors are creating an atrocious racket in the middle of the night what is your first recourse?

- a) Get upset and do nothing
- b) Confront the neighbors
- c) Call the police
- d) Call the Lord Jesus in Prayer

Most Christians do some sort of combination of the first three without even considering their inner strength that is waiting to be unleashed upon the world. The only recourse that the world has is to use the first three options, but a saint of the Lord has a fourth option that is far superior to any of the others. When you call upon the Lord you see dynamic results, whereas the other options yield unexpected results and sometimes the opposite of what you want.

Proverbs 3:5

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Many forget this proverb and lean to the ways of the world. When you trust in the Lord

things always work out, whereas when you lean to your own knowledge and wisdom the end result is not what you expect.

When you receive the Holy Ghost, you actually receive a portion of the Lord inside of you. When you invoke the name of Jesus, you are actually speaking for the Lord like an ambassador.

One time Rita and I were passing out tracts when a Doberman came running around the corner to attack us when I commanded the dog, "Peace, be still in the name of Jesus." That dog stopped in its tracks, and just looked at us. The owner of the dog never saw such power before and came to church. Another time I was preaching on the street when a police officer came up to me saying that he would show me some repentance. He proceeded to take out his stick when I told him, "You cannot touch me unless the Lord allows it." With his club raised above his head, he could not bring down his arm until he crossed the street. He kept looking back at me while he was crossing the street while trying to lower his arm. All of the people who witnessed it were amazed at the power of the Lord.

The above instances would have not happened without the power of the Lord within. Even with these events in my own life, I need to remind myself continually that the Lord is dwelling inside of me and I can call upon him in a moments notice. There is a continuous conflict where the spirit of Satan keeps telling

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you that you can do it on your own. Another example is where you hear a little voice within telling you that this is such a small thing that you don't need to seek the Lord. Whenever any of these thoughts come up, you need to seek the Lord for these thoughts are not from the Lord but from the devil.

Satan is always telling you that you do not need to seek the Lord or pray. I have found that if you seek the Lord early in the morning, your day goes better.

Let's read Romans 8 and see how we become more than conquerors.

Romans 8:1-39

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ,

he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also,

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which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or

persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When we have the Holy Ghost in us, we actually have Christ dwelling within us. Jesus Christ has entrusted us with an awesome amount of power that the world cannot comprehend. This power within can be used for all things. How many times have you been deceived because you did not seek the Lord? How many times have you worked on a project without seeking the Lord and had all sorts of problems?

If you would learn to use the power that the Lord has given you first without using the ways of the world, all would be better.

Ephesians 6:10

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

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