



**Christian Life Fellowship**  
*Becoming fully devoted followers of Christ*



## **I GOD AM ALL POWERFUL**

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### **Introduction:**

We have talked over the past few weeks about God being all knowing, all loving and all present. I confess that my mind is finite and cannot grasp the magnificence of Almighty God. Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In one of the greatest moments of demonstrating His power, Jesus overcame death and reversed the power of sin and death. Today we are going to use these moments to consider the thought: I GOD AM ALL POWERFUL.

I cannot tell you how resurrection works. I know it is a work of God. We see signs of new life that point to renewal and resurrection every year about this time. Trees begin to bud and put out new blossoms and leaves. The flowers that were dormant over the winter now shoot up in new growth and life. I can't explain how it happens, but the fact still remains that it does.

God is omnipotent and has unlimited power and ability to do anything. There is nothing too difficult for Him to do and nothing exceeds His ability. God exceeds in power all the sources of power such as nuclear, coal, natural gas, solar, and wind that we know. A nuclear reactor produces and controls the release of energy by splitting atoms of certain elements. In a nuclear power reactor, the energy released is used as heat to make steam to generate electricity. Most nuclear electricity is generated using just two kinds of reactors which were developed in the 1950s and have been improved since. Today over 16% of the world's electricity is produced from nuclear energy. The nuclear energy which is produced today amounts to more energy than from all sources produced in 1960. We are producing more power and energy than we did 38 years ago. That gives us a mental picture of the power and energy we produce and consume as human beings. How awesome to realize that God is more powerful than the total consumed energy among humans!

### **I. The power of creation – to create something out of nothing**

I am amazed when I attempt to fathom that God has the ability, the authority and the knowledge to speak and suddenly where there was nothing now there is matter and substance. **In Isaiah 40:26 we read these words: Lift up your eyes and look to the heaven: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them**

### **each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

The energy from His spoken word separated light from darkness. The energy from His spoken word caused the water to separate from the firmament. The energy from His spoken word brought forth plants and trees, living creatures in the sea, winged creatures as well as live stock that move on the earth. The energy from His spoken word brings out

the stars and each one is called by a certain name. None of them is missing because of His great power and mighty strength.

Just look around you – take a moment right now and try to grasp the concept of an all-powerful God creating everything we see around us. What we see is no accident and it didn't just happen. God who was and is and is to come in His knowledge used His power to create. There is order and structure to the things God does.

## **II. The power of transformation – to change one is the work of an omnipotent God.**

**2 Cor. 5:17 - What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!** Jesus didn't just come to offer us forgiveness of sin, or the hope of the resurrection, or the ability just to get through life. He came that we might have life in an extreme way. He has the power to transform us if we will let him.

Several years ago there were toys that were produced called transformers. They would look like a car, or some other toy, but you could manipulate them and they could be transformed into a robot, or something different from what they were. In order for the transformation to take place, they needed the touch of someone who knew how to change them.

The same is true with the life of one who chooses to become a follower of the living Christ. Through the power of His Holy Spirit, we can be changed so we become Christ-like in our attitudes and responses. Being changed like that takes some rearranging on His part and some cooperation and trust on our part.

## **III. The power of resurrection – to bring back to life from death.**

I'm amazed that one could have the ability to die and after being dead for three days overcome the force and grip of death and live again. Jesus Christ, God's Son, made the claim that He could lay down His life so He could have it back again.

**John 10:17-18 - The Father loves me because I lay down my life that I may have it back again. No one can take my life from me. I lay down my life voluntarily. For I have the right to lay it down**

**when I want to and also the power to take it again. For my Father has given me this command.**

In celebrating the power of the resurrection, we have to reflect for a moment on Jesus' death. He was crucified and He yielded to death, but Jesus laid down His life so He could take it again. If something is taken from me, it is in the possession of the person who took it from me. If I put something down, it is still in my possession to pick back up again at my discretion and will. When we examine the meaning of the word "power", it conveys the thought of mastery, force, control or right. The power of bringing that which is dead into the state of life is something that is beyond our ability to understand or to make it happen.

I remember as a young boy having pets and those pets would die. I wanted so badly to bring them back to life. I wanted to keep them with me. We had Tippy and Chrisy who were dogs and Butter-scotch who was a cat and then there were our pet chickens my sister and I got one Easter. Believe me, you get attached. Those chickens were so cool. Our Dad made a pen so they could stay outside and they were just getting large enough to have colored feathers. Early one morning, a neighborhood dog got loose, dug under the chicken pen and killed all four of them. My sister and I were helpless and broken-hearted. Mom and Dad were helpless. **NO ONE COULD BRING THEM BACK TO LIFE.** The ending was kind of the same as humpty-dumpty. No matter how badly we wanted them to live, no matter how badly we hoped and wished and even prayed, the life in them was gone and there was no way to put it back.

All of us have been there. We have suffered the pain that comes from the death of one we love. Death is no respecter of persons. Death comes to the strong, the weak, the young, the old, the healthy, the sick, the rich or poor and it leaves grief and sorrow in its wake. The grip of death seems so powerful, so strong and final. Its talons won't let go. Death is the result of original sin and we are helpless to master it or bring ourselves back from death to life.

And that is where God's omnipotence comes into play. With endless resources of power and might, God comes to help us and free us from the power of sin and death.

Regardless of how skillful and knowledgeable we get at generating energy and power, we will never master the power of resurrection.

When Jesus made the claim recorded in **John 11:25** - **Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;"** He was simply stating the fact that he had ability and authority over the power of death which is the end result of original sin. He also speaks to those who believe and follow Him in faith that HE

#### **Conclusion:**

There are countless other aspects of God's omnipotence that we could consider today, but suffice it to say that God is all-powerful. God has proven His omnipotence through His creation, through His power to transform and through His resurrection from death. If we are united with Him in His death, we will also be united with Him in His resurrection. If we allow Him to live within us, we are transformed and have eternal and spiritual life.

**Jude 1:24-25-** **And now, all glory to God, who is able to keep you from stumbling, and who will bring you into his glorious presence innocent of sin and with great joy. All glory to him, who alone is God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yes, glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to him, in the beginning, now, and forevermore. Amen.**

will reverse the effects of death, loosening the talons of death, giving them the ability to live again.

In the letter that the Apostle Paul writes to the believers in Philippians, he indicates that it is in the intimacy of knowing Christ that we will experience the mighty power that raised Him from death.

**Philip. 3:10 – As a result, I can really know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I can learn what it means to suffer with him, sharing in his death.**