

Summary

- a) This session is the third of five sessions that looks at what is right about you because Christ is in you and He has transformed your spirit.
- b) As you will learn in this session, you have God’s power in you. Because of the indwelling Spirit, you have resurrection power in you, which raises dead things to life. You have creative power in you, enabling you to create like the Creator. You have power for ability in you, empowering you to be who God calls you to be and do what God calls you to do. And finally, you have the kingdom within you, giving you power to establish the rule of the King.

Introduction

- a) Paul said, “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves” (2 Cor. 4:7).
- b) As stated in the last two sessions, you have a treasure of immeasurable wealth within you. What Paul termed a “treasure in earthen vessels” (2 Cor. 4:7). But like Ira Yates, if you are unaware of the treasure within, you will remain in spiritual poverty.
- c) On the flipside, when divine revelation enlightens you, the treasure within is unearthed, making you rich. Spiritually speaking, you are a billionaire and my goal is to help you break out of spiritual poverty and live from the power of Christ in you.
- d) Having looked at the glory in you in session 5 and the guidance in you in session 6, we will now look at the power in you. Because of the indwelling Spirit:
 - You have resurrection power in you, which raises dead things to life;
 - You have creative power in you, enabling you to create like the Creator;
 - You have power for ability in you, empowering you to be who God calls you to be and do what God calls you to do;
 - And finally, you have the kingdom within you, giving you power to establish the rule of the King.
- e) Let’s look at these four realities now.

Jesus’ Resurrection Changed Everything

- a) Have you ever considered how Jesus’ resurrection impacted the disciples? Before the resurrection, every disciple except John abandoned Jesus. Judas betrayed Him. Peter denied Him.
- b) As the disciples watched Roman soldiers arrest Jesus and sentence Him to crucifixion, everything they hoped and believed for the last three and a half years must have seemed like a fairytale. A colossal waste of time.
- c) Surely, they were bombarded with feelings of depression, despair, despondency, and doubt. They had trusted their entire lives to Jesus and now felt betrayed. Their friend and Lord, the One whom they believed to be the Messiah foretold by the prophets, was dead and entombed.
- d) But the resurrection changed everything.
- e) When the disciples saw Christ alive from the dead—resurrected from the cruel and brutal torment of crucifixion—it changed world history. These once intimidated, unbelieving band of brothers became

bold and fearless. Because they witnessed a lacerated, crucified Man raised from the dead, nothing could intimidate them.

- f) Before the resurrection, a powerless slave girl made Peter cower in fear. After the resurrection, Peter was not intimidated by the most powerful Jewish leaders, who had authority to arrest, imprison, and kill him. Filled with boldness, Peter bluntly declared to their face, “You are guilty of killing the Messiah.”
- g) The disciples were eyewitnesses of a resurrection—the resurrection of a Man brutally lacerated by a cat-o’-nine-tails, murdered by crucifixion, and entombed for three days. Because they saw the resurrected Christ, they became bold and faithful witnesses of the truth. All but John were martyred for their testimony.
- h) No demon, religious leader, political figure, or Roman soldier could persuade these men from testifying of the risen Christ, for they were eyewitnesses of His resurrection.

Chuck Colson’s Statement About the Resurrection

- a) Two thousand years later, we can only imagine how witnessing the resurrection of Christ would have impacted us. It certainly impacted Chuck Colson, an American attorney and political advisor who served as special counsel to President Nixon from 1969 to 1970.
- b) Colson was known as Nixon’s “hatchet man” because he handled controversial issues. Ultimately, this resulted in him pleading guilty to obstruction of justice in the Watergate scandal.
- c) In 1974, Colson served seven months in the federal Maxwell Prison in Alabama, the first member of the Nixon administration incarcerated for Watergate-related crimes.
- d) In 1973, Colson experienced a radical conversion to Christ, started Prison Fellowship International, and authored more than thirty books.
- e) I love what Colson said about the resurrection of Christ:

I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Every one was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren’t true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world—and they couldn’t keep a lie for three weeks. You’re telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.

- c) What a quote! The apostles were eyewitnesses of Jesus’ resurrection, and they bore witness of it through persecution, prison, and martyrdom.

The Resurrection Transformed the Disciples

- a) Sometimes skeptics say, “Well, Islamic radicals also die for their faith in Allah. So, what really is the difference between a radical Muslim and the apostles?” Everything.
- b) Radical Muslims die in faith for what they hope is true. The apostles died for what they knew was true.
- c) They saw Jesus with their own eyes. If He had not been raised from the dead, it’s inconceivable the apostles would have endured such persecution and suffering for what they knew was a lie.
- d) It’s unimaginable they would have died as martyrs, in such horrific ways, if they were desperately trying to advance a conspiracy theory.

- e) The resurrection transformed these men into bold, fearless, and faithful witnesses of the truth. And the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and changed the apostles now resides in you.

Resurrection Power in You

- a) Paul said, “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Rom. 8:11).
- b) Let this staggering reality sink into your heart: The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells inside of you. You have resurrection life in you.
- c) In the first century, the resurrection turned the world upside down, but in the twenty-first century, resurrection power in you turns your world right side up.
- d) The One whose power raised Jesus from the dead is now grafted to your born-again spirit, and He brings dead things in you to life.
- e) If the bones of Elisha revived a dead man (see 2 Kings 13:21), how much more can the dead areas in your heart, soul, and body be revived? And if the dry bones Ezekiel saw came to life by the Spirit (see Ez. 37:1-14), how much more can the indwelling Spirit revive the dry and dead places within you?

Where Do You Need Resurrection Power?

- a) Ask yourself this probing question: What dry or dead areas in my soul need a fresh touch of resurrection power?
- b) Perhaps hope deferred has made your heart sick (see Pro. 13:12).
- c) Maybe you experienced extreme disappointment, believing a circumstance would turn out one way, but it ended up exactly the opposite of what you expected. You might have even thought the Lord spoke to you about a situation, but it didn’t happen like you believed He said it would.
- d) These setbacks have left your heart wounded and you doubting and, perhaps, wrestling with your faith.
- e) Maybe the rapid descent of Western culture into gross hedonism has caused your love to grow cold. Or the covid pandemic, lockdowns, false media narratives, and political polarization has scarred your soul with anxiety, negativity, and despair.
- f) Whatever it might be, here’s the good news: You have dead-raising power in you, which raises dead things in your heart, soul, and body to life.
- g) Has your hope been crushed, and your heart grown cynical? Has your soul been devastated by disappointment, permeated with pessimism, or wounded by rejection? If so, the indwelling Spirit’s dead-raising power can raise you out of death and infuse you with His life.
- h) You can experience personal revival because the One who revives is in you.
- i) This means you don’t have to run here, there, and everywhere to experience revival, for you have revival inside of you. You don’t run to the latest and greatest prophet or apostle, for resurrection life is inside of you. You don’t have to hop from one conference to the next, looking to be revived, for you have the reviver dwelling in you.
- j) Because the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you, you have everything you need to experience life, healing, and hope. If the Spirit can raise a dead Man back to life, He can certainly give life to the dead, dry, and despairing areas in you.

- k) Look inward to the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Draw from His indestructible life. Let Him flow out of you and revive the dead areas of your heart and soul.
- l) Let His life pulsate through you, giving you personal revival—not just for a day or a week but as a lifestyle.

Creative Power in You

- a) If you study the act of creation carefully, you discover that Jesus, who is the eternal Word of God, gave commands, and the Holy Spirit executed them (see Gen. 1:2; Col. 1:15-16).
- b) Jesus said, “Let there be light,” and the Holy Spirit then created light (Gen. 1:3). Jesus said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear,” and the Holy Spirit then created the oceans and the continents (Gen. 1:9-10).
- c) The Holy Spirit is the One who created the sun, moon, and stars out of nothing in obedience to the Son’s directives. He created the dry land, oceans, mountains, and rivers. He made the earth and the universe in stunning beauty.
- d) But here is what is almost unbelievable: This same Spirit who created the earth and the galaxies lives within you. You have creative power in you, giving you power to create like the Creator.
- e) Pause for a moment and ponder this reality. The infinite One who created the cosmos is the intimate One who dwells in your spirit.
- f) Think of the most beautiful places you have ever been. For me, it’s a tossup between the Swiss Alps in the fall, with its green valleys, glittering-blue lakes, glacier-encrusted mountains, and quaint villages. And Ireland in the spring, with its rugged cliffs, lush-green pastures, crystal-blue oceans, and cozy seaside towns. Whatever place comes to your mind, the same Spirit who dwells inside of you is the One who created these breathtaking masterpieces of beauty.
- g) Everything beautiful, majestic, and captivating—from the beauty you observe in fall when the leaves turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow to the cascading Rocky Mountains capped with snow to a Fijian sunset with its multi-shades of red and orange—all of these were formed by the same Spirit who dwells within you.

Rely Upon Creative Power in You

- a) You have creative power residing within you. And you can create like the Creator. The infinitely powerful Spirit, who created the universe, is unlimited in what He can create through you.
- b) I rely on the indwelling Spirit’s creative power to write, speak, lead a church, and design software. What about you?
- c) In whatever area you need the Creator’s creativity, look inside to the Spirit and draw it out of you to create, whether you need His creative power for interior design, graphic art, leadership, product design, financial planning, building homes, or landscape design.
- d) You have creative power in you, giving you power to create like the Creator.
- e) This means His creative power can give you desperately needed breakthroughs. Whether related to your finances, health, relationships, business, ministry, or even your soul, the creative power for breakthrough is already inside of you.
- f) Stop looking upward or outward for a breakthrough and start looking inward.

- g) The creative breakthrough is in you because the Spirit is in you. The power you need is in you because the Spirit is in you.

Power for Ability in You

- a) I'm convinced the reason many born-again believers are overcome by the world, the flesh, and the devil is they don't really know by revelation who dwells within them.
- b) Paul said, "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us" (Eph. 3:20, emphasis mine).
- c) He wanted us to know that God is able to do far more abundantly than we could ask, think, or imagine. Notice carefully, however, that Paul did not exhort us to look to heaven for this power, but to look within. He said "the power that works within us."
- d) A burden gripped Paul, for he knew the Ephesians had the treasure of Christ in them. But unfortunately, they didn't know. Ignorance kept the treasure in them buried, keeping them in poverty.
- e) This is why Paul prayed they would have a spirit of wisdom and of revelation to know "what is the surpassing greatness of His power [in] us who believe" (Eph. 1:19, emphasis mine).
- f) The power of God in you is far more abundant than you can ask, think, or imagine.
- g) It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, raised Him up to heaven, and enthroned Him at the right hand of God, far above all rule, authority, power, dominion, and every other name (see Eph. 1:19-21).
- h) The surpassing greatness of God's power within you almost defies belief. Human words fail to articulate or explain it. This power within you is breathtaking in its scope, magnitude, and intensity.
- i) And get this, the surpassing greatness of God's power, exceeding your highest and deepest thoughts or dreams, does not typically fall down from heaven upon you. This power already resides within you through the indwelling Spirit. Many are begging God to pour out from heaven the answer He has already provided within them.
- j) This doesn't mean there are not special outpourings of the Spirit, such as on the day of Pentecost, and as promised at the end of the age (see Joel 2:28-32). But the most common way the Lord moves in your life is from the inside out rather than the outside in.

Dynamis Power

- a) When Paul talked about "the surpassing greatness of His power in us who believe" (Eph. 1:19) and "the power that works within us," which is "able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think," (Eph. 3:10) the word translated power is *dynamis*. Let me take a minute and summarize the rich word *dynamis*.
- b) At its core, *dynamis* means "strength, power, and ability."
- c) It means "inherent power."
- d) It is power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature.
- e) It is power that a person or thing exerts and puts forth from its innate nature.
- f) *Dynamis*, when it is expressed in action, is:
- The power for performing miracles;

- The power for moral living and excellence of soul;
- and the power for ability.

g) It's this last phrase that really resonates with me: I have the power for ability in my spirit. And you do too.

God's Inward Strength

- Whatever you face, whether a crisis in your health, finances, family, job, or ministry, you have power for ability within your spirit.
- Because Christ dwells within you, you have inherent power for breakthrough within you.
- This inherent power in your spirit enables you to do whatever God has called you to do and to be whoever God has called you to be.
- Paul underscored this truth in Philippians 4:13 when he said, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
- Most likely, if you have been saved for more than a year, you are very familiar with this verse. Nevertheless, don't allow familiarity to rob you of the rich promise this verse affords.
- Digging deeper into the Greek, the word translated strengthens is *endynamoō*. If you investigate this word carefully, *endynamoō* is a composite word derived from *dynamis*, the word I just described. Basically, *endynamoō* means to make strong and enable by the power for ability in you.
- Vines Expository Dictionary* states this word could literally be translated instrengthened or inwardly strengthened.
- This in mind, Philippians 4:13 could read like this: "I can do all things through Him who provides me with inward strength."
- Because of the One who dwells within you and the power for ability He transmits to your spirit, you can do anything the Lord has called you to do. You can obey anything the Lord has called you to obey. And you can become everything He has called you to be.

The Kingdom of God Within You

- Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21 NKJV).
- As I explained in my book, *The Eternal Blueprint*, the proper translation of this verse is hotly debated among scholars, theologians, and preachers.
- The NKJV, just quoted, states "the kingdom of God is within you" while the NASB declares "the kingdom of God is in your midst."
- Both the NASB and the NKJV translations are correct. Christ Himself both embodies the kingdom and Christ dwelling in His people means the kingdom of God is within us.
- For the purposes of this class, I will stick with the NKJV translation: "the kingdom of God is within you."
- Paul confirmed this translation when he told the Romans, "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17).

The Internal Kingdom Expands Outward

- a) The kingdom of God begins in Christ, and then as Paul told the Romans, it expands as He dwells within His people through the Holy Spirit. This means, in addition to all the glorious truths you have already seen, you have the kingdom of God within your spirit.
- b) Since the King dwells within you, He gives you power to establish His kingdom rule. This always starts in your heart, as you voluntarily submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ.
- c) Until the day you meet the Lord face to face, the indwelling Spirit will be breaking your pride, independence, rebellion, and selfishness.
- d) Because of His jealous love for you, the Lord will not relent until your deepest motives, desires, thoughts, emotions, and inclinations have been conquered by the indwelling King.
- e) Every part of your being, where you allow the Spirit to establish the reign of the King, is where God's kingdom resides. This means the kingdom of God begins internally, deep within your spirit, heart, and soul.
- f) As God's kingdom is established within you, His kingdom flows like a mighty river out of you, enabling you to function as salt and light in culture (see Matt. 5:13-16).
- g) You also advance the kingdom of God through intercession, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, healing the sick, and casting out demons (see Matt. 10:7-8).
- h) Paul said, "The kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power" (1 Cor. 4:20). As you operate in God's power, the rule of the King is established wherever He sends you.

The Internal Kingdom Summarized

- a) In short, the kingdom of God is *entered* at salvation, *embodied* because you have Christ's indwelling life, *proclaimed* as you preach the gospel of the kingdom, *demonstrated* as you operate in God's resurrection power, and *advanced* through prayer, preaching, missions, ministering in power, and spiritual warfare (see John 3:3-5; Luke 17:21; Matt. 10:7-8).
- b) In summary . . .
 - You have God's kingdom already because you have Christ the King dwelling within you.
 - You have the kingdom already because you have power to heal the sick, cast out devils, and raise the dead.
 - You have the kingdom already because the Lamb's reign is being established within your heart and soul.
- c) But you don't yet have the fullness of God's kingdom. That won't happen until King Jesus returns in power and glory and He crushes, scatters, and vanquishes every other kingdom. The fullness of His kingdom will then pervade every sphere of society in all nations.