

The Power of God

Romans 1:16-17



Power (P)

- An amount of work (W) done over an amount of elapsed time (Δt)
- $P = W/\Delta t$

Work (W)

- An energy value describing an amount of force (F) displacing an object (s)
- $W = Fs$

Force (F)

- An amount of energy required to move a certain mass (m) in a certain direction at a certain rate (acceleration, (a))
- $F = ma$

Displacement (s)

- An amount of distance an object is moved between two points
- Relative to initial (v_i) and final velocity (v_f), and time (t)
- $s = (v_i + v_f)t/2$

Elapsed time (Δt)

- An amount of time that passes from the start to the end of any given event
- $\Delta t = (t_f - t_i)$

Let's pause
for a
second...

So... how bout them
Braves?

Recap

- Power
 - $P = W/\Delta t$
- Work
 - $W = Fs$
- Force
 - $F = ma$
- Displacement
 - $s = (v_i + v_f)t/2$
- Elapsed time
 - $\Delta t = (t_f - t_i)$

If we put it
all
together...

$$P = \frac{(ma)(v_i + v_f)t}{2(t_f - t_i)}$$

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Vs 16

- God's power is reflected in his creation
- Power UNTO salvation
- Power of God ↔ Gospel ↔ Salvation
- The Gospel and us
 - Barrier breaker
 - Touchstone
- It (and God) is no respecter of persons
 - James 2:1,9

Vs 17

- God's righteousness is seen in the rebirth of the spiritually dead
 - Eph 2:1-3
- There is no beginning and there is no end!
 - FROM faith TO faith
 - Faith = Christ and His work = ETERNAL
- True in Habakkuk (2:4, referenced by Paul)
- True in Romans
- True in Shelby County

Want to see God's Power in action?

LOOK!

The teleology of it all...

- Understanding what we observe through the lens of the end that it meets or the purpose it serves
- As opposed to understanding something based on what caused it to happen or exist in the first place
- Consider God's power, and the physical power of nature
- We should be able to look at the power of God in the same way as we do physical power

The Power (P) of God

$$P = \frac{(ma)(v_i + v_f)t}{2(t_f - t_i)}$$

- Mass
 - ∞
- Acceleration
 - ∞
- Initial velocity
 - 0
- Final velocity
 - ∞
- Time of displacement
 - ∞
- Elapsed time
 - ∞

If we crunch the numbers...

$$\frac{(\infty \times \infty)(0 + \infty) \infty}{2(\infty)}$$

Let's clean it up a bit

$$\frac{\infty}{\infty} = \text{ONE}$$

The Power (P) of God is... one?

- YES.
 - And boy, aren't we glad
- Remember... what is the power of God according to God's own word?
- THE GOSPEL
- Power of God ↔ Gospel ↔ Salvation
 - Remember this?
- There is ONE Gospel unto ONE salvation

One Gospel. One Salvation. One Way.

- The Gospel = the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ
 - “According to the scriptures”
- Christ – “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”
- Salvation – the rebirth promised to the righteous
- Me and you – the categorical opposite of righteous

So uhh... no salvation, no Christ, no Gospel for me then, huh bud?

Galatians 3:1-7

- If we hope to be righteous by the power of the flesh?
 - Then we are fools. (v3)
- Abraham believed God
- His faith and trust in God were counted to him as righteousness
- If we have faith and trust in God, we are children of Abraham
- Ergo, if we have faith and trust in God, it is counted to us as righteousness

So, what is it that we're believing?

- Eph 1:3-14
- The quintessential passage describing our salvation
- V13
 - “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit...”

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

- We believe that God's power, the Gospel, is the only way to be saved.
- We believe that God through Christ has removed our sin.
- We believe that the Gospel is sufficient to save us due to, not our righteousness, but Christ's righteousness imputed to us by the grace of our Father.
- We believe that God has given us the seal of His promise of salvation, the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that this salvation is for ALL WHO BELIEVE.