

My Power in Christ
Session 1 (Ethan & Jarrod) – Thursday Chapel
2 Tim 1:8-12
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Thesis: I want to show the power that the Christian has in Christ.

Intro: 1. Power defined: “*the ability to do something or act in a particular way.*”

I. The Christian’s Power in Christ

A. Powerful Prayers

1. **Phil 4:6-7** – make your requests known to God.
2. Prayer is a powerful tool of the Christian, however it’s one that is too often used too little. (**James 5:16b**)

B. Powerful Care

1. Christ (& God the Father) cares for you (**Mt 11:28**)
2. Christ tells us that if we will put Him first, our daily needs will be met (**Mt 6:31-34**)

II. In Christ the Christian has the power to overcome.

A. Powerful strength over temptations

1. Paul, speaking by inspiration, tells us that God has given us the tools to overcome any temptation, trial or hardship (**1 Cor 10:13**).
2. **Christ shows us by His example that we can overcome temptation & hardship if we will remain true to His Word** (Mt 4:4,7,10).
 - a. God has given us the tools to overcome anything (**2 Pt 1:2-4**)
 - i. Through the “**knowledge of Him**” we can overcome (2 Pt 1:3b)

B. Powerful Victory

1. In Christ the Christian obtains victory over the 2nd death (**2 Tim 1:9-10**)
2. Paul trusted in the Father & the victory of Christ over death, therefore Paul says “***for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.***” (2 Tim 1:12b)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. The Christian is given great power through Christ.

1. Powerful communication tool through prayer.
2. Powerful care through His promises and the written Word.
3. Powerful ability to overcome whatever may come down our path.
4. Powerful victory over sin and the 2nd death.

B. All powerful attributes are found only in Christ.

1. Man must be a part of the body of Christ to enjoy such powerful tools.

2. History teaches us repeatedly that we cannot make it to heaven on our own
(**Jer 10:23**).
- a. Mankind does not possess spiritual power or spiritual victories – only Christ grants those things to man.
 - i. And its only granted to us by Christ when we obey His Word, the gospel
(**2 Tim 1:10**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. I hope you all will think about the power the Christian has in Christ and remember you **MUST** be in Christ to enjoy such wonderful blessings.
2. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9