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“THE POWER OF GOD IN YOU”

I John 2:20-27



J. B. Philipps...

- He paraphrases Ephesians chapter 1: “How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God.”
- **Ephesians 1:19-20** - “And what is the exceeding greatness of His *power* to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His **mighty power**, Which He **wrought** [*brought about, demonstrated, made possible*] in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set Him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,”
- **Colossians 1:17** – Christ in you, the hope of glory

JOHN IS ENCOURAGING THE BELIEVERS HERE IN HIS CHURCH ABOUT THE POWER THEY HAVE...

- **A culmination of what he’s been saying in chapter 2:**
 - Basic principles of growth and Christian living
 - What we have in Christ (v. 1ff)
 - Live in the light, live the truth
 - You will have no darkness
 - Shun the world – it’s passing away
 - Watch out for antichrist’s (false teachers) among us

And Now you have power!

3 Facts about power:

I. **It’s from the Holy Spirit (v. 20, 27)**

A. Anointing of the Holy One
– this word translated “anointing (unction)” χρισμα literally means ointment or oil. Used in the Old Testament ritually for sanctifying the tabernacle and things in it. Also, showed God’s power for/with/on a new king of Israel/Judah as they were anointed.

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CHRIST WAS THE ONE GIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT:

John 20:21-22 – the resurrected Christ **gives** the H.S.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Given here to the apostles, later at Pentecost **given** to all believers. (**Acts 2**)

THIS ANOINTING DOES NOT **COME** FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. **IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

It is **spiritual** baptism! Pictured in water baptism...

> **Ephesians 1:13**

> **1 Thessalonians 4:8**

B. This power given

II. **It gives you the truth (vs. 21, 24-25)**

A. You know (21)

> **2 Corinthians 2:10**

B. “no lie is of the truth” (v. 21b) *meaning* – what they would say: “my way isn’t false, it’s just another way of looking at it.” or “I’m looking at it from a different angle”

III. **Reveals that the antichrist’s are liars (22-23; 26)**

A. Any that deny Christ, and the Father (23b; 22b)

B. It’s why he has written (26)

CONCLUSION:

- Christians: This will give you confidence in the truth.
- The more you know, the more you let the Word and the Holy Spirit saturate your soul; the wiser, the more deciphering and discerning you will be. His power will benefit you!
- How much do you depend on the power, wisdom, help that you have from the indwelling Holy Spirit in your life?