

Notes for *Foundations: Creative Spiritual Power*
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Christian living is about continually drawing our will, heart, and mind to the living, dynamic, real relationship God has entered into with us. These notes outline the basic flow of the teaching and contain the full text and reference for scriptures and quotations. At the bottom of the notes are resources for further exploration of this topic.

Saul's story from I Samuel 13

Divine love and power

Christian nature

How tremendous is this power available to us who believe in God. That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when He raised Him from the dead. Ephesians 1:19-20, Philips

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the evil actions of the depraved will, the worldly mind, the slothful and careless soul. Galatians 5:16

Spiritual Power to heal

Great is the Lord and Mighty in Power. Psalm 147:5

To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:29

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

"It is from the very depth of His apparent defeat that we hear the first confession of Him as King: in Pilate's inscription on the Cross, in the cry of the dying thief, in the 'creed' of the centurion – 'truly this Man is the Son of God'" (Schmemmann, *Of Water & the Spirit*, 2000, 89-90).

All things are yours... all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. I Corinthians 3:21-22

"And those who have tasted [of this kingdom's] joy, peace and righteousness can overcome this world by the glorious power of the Cross, can offer [this world] to God and thus truly transform it" (Schmemmann, 94).

Whoever is wise, let him... consider the great love of the Lord. Psalm 107:43

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14-21 NIV

“But preach the Cross, and the energy of God is let loose” (Chambers n.d., april 12).

Temptations

Counterfeits

- Ideas about God, the Bible, and Community vs. God's self-disclosure
- Feeling, sentimentality, experience vs. encounter with the objective real
- Churchism and nationalism vs. the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- Legalism, certainty of prescripts vs. Christian obedience

(drawn from John Mackay's *Christian Reality & Appearance*, 1969)

(prayer for repentance from churchism can be found in appendix C of

Leanne Payne's *Listening Prayer*, 1994)

Denying our inadequacy

“We are *authorized* and *under a mandate* to move in the power the Spirit gives. We can then celebrate our smallness and our inadequacy, knowing that it is by His Spirit that we are to transcend our limitations. We do not run ahead, nor do we lag behind, but we moment by moment obey God. When we wait upon the Lord for His mind on the task or the difficulty, then we are spared from substituting our own limited vision and unaided wisdom for the mighty work he would do” (Payne, *The Healing Presence*, 1989, 42).
Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

Healing prayer is creative

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Resources on this topic:

The Healing Presence, chapter 3, “Spiritual Power and Authority,” Leanne Payne.

“[Abiding in Christ](#)” lecture and prayer live audio recording from an MPC retreat held in Fresno, CA in 2019.