

KNOWING RESURRECTION POWER

Philippians 3:10, 11

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10,11).

Note that Paul does *not* ask God for *more* power. Instead, he asks God that he might know the resurrection power he already possesses. He desired to experience its fullness.

Spiritually, we have already been "raised with Christ" and are seated with Him in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6). But, what Paul is thinking about is resurrection power operating in the believer here and now.

In chapter 1 of that letter, he prays that the Ephesians might know three things. The third is:

His incomparably great power for us who believe . . . which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead (Ephesians 1:18, 20).

All believers have this power; all believers have access to this incomparably great power, this resurrection power. Our charge is to tap into it.

Besides all other things, I believe resurrection power's greatest undertaking is conforming us to the likeness of Christ.

We are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Cor 3:18).

In this blessed process called "sanctification", we are being made into a perfect glorious creation -- we are becoming like our heavenly Christ! Oh the power of the resurrection!

May God help us experience the fullness of His resurrection power.