

I. God desires to give us power to live

- A. He strengthens us by his Holy Spirit

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

- B. He strengthens us out of his abundance of power

- C. He strengthens us in our inner person

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day!” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

II. God desires for us to have a deeper experience of Christ

- A. We must invite Christ to be at home in us

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20)

- B. We must trust Christ to be the Lord of us

- C. We must be confident in God’s love for us

“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.” (1 John 4:16)

III. God desires us to get a solid grip on his love

- A. It is a love that is beyond measure

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” (1 John 3:1)

- B. It is a love that is seen in Christ

“This how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. “ (1 John 3:16)

- C. It is a love that we can personally experience

“The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness.’” (Jeremiah 31:3)

- D. It is a love that goes beyond human knowledge

IV. God desires us to be filled with himself

- A. We must allow God to be in complete control

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.” (Romans 12:1)

B. We must keep God in control through trust and obedience

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:25)

C. We must allow him to transform us into his image

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)