

*“More Evidence You Are Pleasing to God”*

**Colossians 1:9-12**

## **Ephesians 5:8,10**

for you were formerly darkness, but now you  
are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light  
... trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord

## **James 2:17**

Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

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## **Ephesians 1:18,19**

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

## **Ephesians 3:14-17**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

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## *A. Why Power was needed*

### *1. Steadfastness*

*“Endurance is the grace to bear up under, the bravery of perseverance in the performance of one’s God-given task in spite of hardship and trial, the refusal to succumb to despair or cowardice.” - William Hendriksen*



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## **Matthew 13:20,21**

The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when *affliction or persecution* arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.

## 1 Peter 2:20,21

For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

## 2 Thessalonians 1:3,4

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

## **Matthew 13:22**

And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

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## **Joshua 3:13**

It shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, and the waters which are flowing down from above will stand in one heap.

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“And giving joyful thanks to the Father.  
-NIV

being strengthened with all power, according  
to his glorious might, for all endurance and  
patience with joy. (ESV)

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## *A. Reason for Giving Thanks*

## **1 Peter 1:3,4**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you

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## *B. Reason we can Endure with Joy*

## **Romans 8:24,25**

For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

## **1 Thessalonians 1:3**

constantly bearing in mind your work of faith  
and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in  
our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our  
God and Father,

