

The Excellency Of The Power

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2 Corinthians 4:6 *For God, who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, has shined in our hearts,*

The same God who bade light shine out of darkness has kindled a light in our hearts– Knox

**God, who first ordered light to shine in darkness, has flooded our hearts with his light-
Phi**

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, has shined in our hearts, *to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*

So that we should bring out into the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, seen in the face of Christ- TCNT

**2 Corinthians 4:7 *But we have this treasure
in earthen vessels,***

**This priceless treasure we hold, so to speak, in
a common earthenware jar- Phi**

**We are no better than pots of earthenware to
contain this treasure- NEB**

Fragile earthen pots- Wey

Perishable earthenware- Knox

Utensils of mere clay- Ber

**2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure
in earthen vessels, *that the excellency of
the power may be of God, and not of us***

**That its' all prevailing power may be seen to
come from God, and not to be our own- TCNT**

**And this proves that such transcendent power
does not come from us but is God's alone- NEB**

**John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God and the Word
was God. The same was in the beginning
with God**

**And He existed with God from the beginning-
Phi**

John 1:3 All things were made by Him;

**Everything came into existence through Him -
Gspd**

John 1:3 All things were made by Him; *And without him was not anything made that was made*

No single thing was created without him- NEB

John 1:4 In Him was life;

It was by him that life began to exist- Wms

John 1:4-5 In Him was life; *and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness;*

His life is the light that shines through the darkness- Tay

John 1:4-5 In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; *and the darkness comprehended it not.*

And the darkness can never extinguish it- Tay

John 1:12 But as many as received Him,

But to those who did accept Him- Beck

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, *to them He gave the power to become the sons of God,*

He empowered them to become the children of God- Knox

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them he gave the power to become the sons of God, *even to them that believe on His name*

To those who have yielded Him their allegiance- NEB

**John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us,**

And pitched his tent among us- Rhm

And lived among us- Phi

**John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us, (*And we beheld His
glory, the glory as of the only begotten of
the Father,*)**

Such honor as an only son receives- Gspd

The splendor as of a father's only son- Phi

**John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us, (And we beheld His
glory, the glory as of the only begotten of
the Father,) *full of grace and truth***

Full of grace and reality- Mof

Abounding in blessing and truth- Gspd

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.

Who is to remove- Gspd

**Who takes and bears away the sin of the world-
Mon**

**Hebrews 1:1 God who at sundry times and
in divers manners spake in time past**

**Many were the forms and fashions in which
God spoke of old- Mof**

**Hebrews 1:1-2 God who at sundry times
and in divers manners spake in time past
*unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in
these last days spoken unto us***

**Now at last in these times he has spoken to us-
Knox**

But in this final age he as spoken to us- NEB

**Hebrews 1:1-2 God who at sundry times
and in divers manners spake in time past
unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in
these last days spoken unto us *by His Son,*
*whom He hath appointed heir of all things,***

**Whom he had appointed lawful owner of
everything- Wms**

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these last days spoken unto us by his Son,
whom he hath appointed heir of all things,
*By whom also he made the worlds***

**By whom also He made the universe- Con
And through whom He created all orders of
existence- NEB**

**Just as it was through Him that He created the
world of time- Knox**

**Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of
His glory**

Who being the effulgence of His glory- ASV

**For He is the radiance of the glory of God-
TCNT**

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, *and the express image of His person*

And the very image of his substance- ASV

Flawless expression of the nature of God- Phi

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person *and upholding all things by the word of His Power*

**He sustains the universe by His almighty word-
Ber**

**Also bearing up all things by the utterance of
His power- Rhm**

**Upholding and maintaining and guiding and
propelling the universe by His mighty word of
power- Amp**

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His Power, *when He had by Himself purged out sins*

And when He had effected our cleansing from sin- Ber

Accomplishing our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt- Amp

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His Power, when He had by Himself purged out sins, *sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high*

He took His seat at the right hand of God's majesty- Wms

And then sat down in highest honor beside the great God of heaven- Tay

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will

And to ask of God that you may fully attain to the knowledge of His will- Con

The personal knowledge of His will- Rhm

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will *in all wisdom and spiritual understanding*

Which comes through all true spiritual wisdom and insight- Rhm

By being given spiritual insight and understanding- Phi

**Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy
of the Lord unto all pleasing**

**So that you may lead a life that is worthy of the
Lord and give Him entire satisfaction- Mof**

**Then you will live lives worthy of the master,
and so please God in every way- TCNT**

**Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy
of the Lord unto all pleasing, *being fruitful
in every good work***

**By perennial bearing fruit in every good
enterprise- Wms**

**Your lives will be fruitful in every kind of good
action- TCNT**

Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, *and increasing in the knowledge of God*

All the time learning to know God better and better- Tay

**Colossians 1:11 Strengthened with all
might, according to His glorious power**

**Since His power is so glorious, may be you be
strengthened with strength of every kind- Wey**

**You will be made strong at all points with a
strength worthy of the power manifested in His
glory- TCNT**

**Colossians 1:11 Strengthened with all
might, according to His glorious power,
*unto all patience and long-suffering with
joyfulness***

**And be prepared for cheerfully enduring all
things with patience and long-suffering- Wey**

**For the cheerful exercise of unlimited patience
and perseverance- Ber**

**So that you will find yourselves able to pass
through an experience and endure with joy- Phi**

**Colossians 1:12 Giving thanks unto the
Father, which hath made us meet**

Qualified us- Mof

Colossians 1:12-15 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet *to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God*

The visible expression of- Phi

The very incarnation of- TCNT

Colossians 1:15-16 Who is the image of the invisible God, *the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth visible and invisible*

Of things in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen- Wey

Colossians 1:15-16 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth visible and invisible, *whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers*

Angels and archangels and all power of heaven- TCNT

The spirit world with its kings and kingdoms, its rulers and authorities- Tay

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The whole universe has been created through and for him- NEB

**Colossians 1:17 And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist**

**And in and through Him the universe is one
harmonious whole- Wey**

Colossians 1:18-19 And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell

For in Him the complete being of God, by God's own choice, came to dwell- NEB

Colossians 1:20 And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself

It was through His Son that God cleared a path for everything to come to Him- Tay

To Review:

In John chapter 1 we find logos, Jesus, who is the thought of God and is ultimately the expression of love as we learn in John 3:16 AND we see the Lamb of God who takes and bears away the sins of the world.

To Review:

In Hebrews chapter 1 we see Christ as the one who upholds all things by the word of His power AND who by Himself accomplished the cleansing of sins in the riddance of guilt.

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And in Colossians chapter 1 we see Emmanuel who is absolutely supreme in all things and through whom all things were created AND through his blood provides peace and reconciliation for us all.

And of the above is the Excellency of the power, which is contained in our earthen vessel.

**How then is all of this power able
to be poured into our Clay cup?**

**Of course the obvious answer is found in
the AND portions above. It is because
Jesus became our sacrifice and His blood
cleanses our Clay vessels and removes our
sins**

But there is more: John 15:4

Abide in me and I in you

Remain in me, as I remain in you- Mof

Dwell in me, as I in you- NEB

**Remain united to me and I will remain united to
you- TCNT**

**Colossians 1:26 But when the comforter is
come, I will send unto you from the father,
even the spirit of truth, which proceeds
from the father**

Who goes forth from the Father- Nor

John 26 But when the comforter is come, I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceeds from the father, *He shall testify of me*

**He will testify regarding me- Ber
Bear witness concerning me- Nor
He will speak plainly about me- Phi**

**John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth;
It is expedient for you that I go away; for if
I go not away, the Comforter will not come
to you**

**He who is to befriend you will not come to you
unless I go- Knox**

Your advocate- NEB

The Helper- NASB

The counselor will not come to you- RSV

**John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth;
It is expedient for you that I go away; for if
I go not away, the Comforter will not come
to you, *but if I depart I will send him to you***

Whereas, if I go, I will send him to you- Mof

John 13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself

On His own initiative- NASB

John 13 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; *but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak*

He will say whatever he is told- Mof

John 13-14 Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: *And he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine*

Draw on my truth- Phi

And communicate it to you- Gspd

And disclose it to you- Mof

And reveal it to you- Nor

**Acts 1:4 & 8 And they were all filled with
the Holy Ghost**

Holy Spirit- ASV

Acts 1:4 & 8 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, *and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*

As the Spirit enabled them to express themselves- Mof

As the Spirit granted them to utter divine things- Wms

Are we abiding?

Are we IN Jesus and is He IN us?

Are we filled with the Holy Spirit so that he might speak to us of Jesus?

If our earthen vessel is going to carry the *excellency of the power* and the authority of Jesus Christ, then we must *dwell in Jesus* and *He in us* and be *filled* with the *Holy Spirit!*

**Is our earthen vessel, our cup,
full?**

