



Believing in the Power of God

“...they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.” – Luke 5:6

The power of God is superior to that of the world

- Power over sickness
- Power over nature
 - "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" (Mk. 4:41)
- Power over demons/evil spirits
- Power over death
 - "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" (1 Cor. 15:55)





The Power of God is unique

- “For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.” (Rom. 11:36)
- *Paul declares that God is the beginning of the substance of all things by the words “of him” and the bond of their subsistence by the expression “through him” and their final end by the term “to him.” (Origen)*

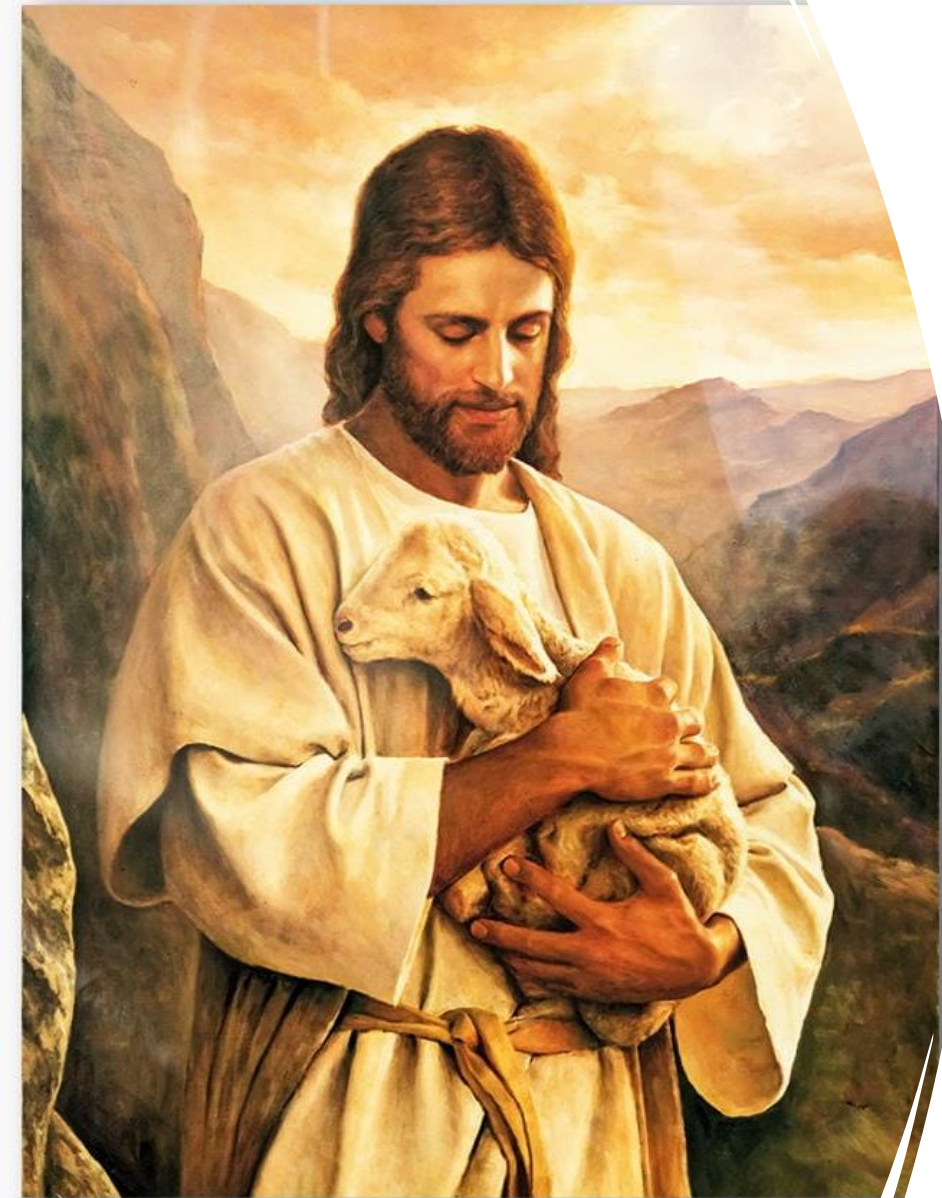


The Power of God is shared

- “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”
(Jn. 14:12)

The Power to bear with humanity

- The Lord Jesus came to take away our sin despite our rebellion
- “All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Is. 53:6)
- “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)
- *“You have manifested to me the economy of Your tender mercy. You have borne the oppression of the wicked. You have given Your back to the scourge. Your cheeks You have left open to those who smite. For my sake, O my Master, You have not hidden Your face from the shame of spitting.” (St. Gregory the Great)*



Believing in His Power

- Trusting in His power is essential to our salvation
- EX: St. Peter
 - “...nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” (Lk. 5:5)
- EX: Abraham
 - “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead...” (Heb. 11:17-19)



How do we
respond to
the power
of God in
our life?

- “Give up...”
- “The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.” (Jer. 7:18)

How can I
feel the
power of
God in my
life?

- our weakness
- St. Peter
 - "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Lk. 5:8)
- St. Paul
 - "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)
 - "For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10)