

HOLY GHOST POWER – 5
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ROMANS 15:8-13

INTRODUCTION: We know we all face an enemy that hates us and is out to destroy us. We know Jesus came to give us abundant life. If our God is greater than our enemy, why is it that experiencing abundant life is so challenging? Jesus didn't save us to live defeated lives. He saved us to be filled with His glory, peace and joy. He has already given us all that we need to enjoy the abundant life He provides. Now it's up to us to appropriate what He has already given to us.

JESUS CAME AS A MINISTER

1. **VERSE 8** – He came as the Jewish Messiah to fulfill the promises and prophecies made to Abraham and the Jewish people over the years.
 - A. As a nation, Israel rejected Jesus and even today is still awaiting their messiah. Israel is in a state of defilement.
2. **VERSES 9-12** – Paul quotes four prophecies and uses the Jewish scriptures to show the Jews that God has opened the door of salvation to the Gentiles. Abundant life in Christ is available.
 - A. Salvation is for everyone. Abundant life is for everyone. Wherever sinners are found, they can be saved by grace through faith. Their nationality doesn't matter.
3. **VERSE 13** – This verse overflows with the glory of God. Notice the words “fill” and “abound.” These words mean to fill to the top and overflow. Then we have the words “joy”, “peace”, “believing”, “hope”, and “power of the Holy Ghost.”
 - A. Whether Jew or Gentile, God has made it possible for all to be redeemed, have a close relationship with Himself, and experience a life that overflows with the full blessings of the gospel of Christ.

ROMANS 15:29

- B. God never intended for His children to be victims, living lives of defeat and despair. He intended for everyone to live victorious, overcoming lives, overflowing with joy, peace, hope and blessings.

BELIEVING AND HOLY GHOST POWER – ROMANS 15:13

1. God's will is accomplished through faith and power.
 - A. **2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12** – “Faith with Power.”
 - B. **1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5** – “Faith...in the power”.
2. The gospel is the power that saves.
 - A. **ROMANS 1:16-17** – Jew or Gentile, it's all about Jesus.
3. The power within.
 - A. **EPHESIANS 3:20**
4. Believing is of the heart.
 - A. **MARK 11:23** – We must believe in our words from the heart.
 - B. **PROVERBS 3:1-3, 5, 4:23, 7:1-3** – The heart is the key.
 - C. **PROVERBS 23:7** – The heart, not the head.
 - D. **HEBREWS 4:12** – The Word must penetrate the heart.
 - Works don't get God moving, believing does. Believing is not mentally assenting to the Word, it's allowing it to penetrate the heart where the forces of life flow out from. This is the key to experiencing the reality of our redemption in Christ.

CONCLUSION:

Redemption is provided, victory is ours, the Spirit has been given, we have Holy Ghost power within, it's time to believe from the heart and experience the work of faith with power.