

Δύναμις

Dunamis (doo-na-mis)

Week #2

Acts 2:21

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Dunamis power is only available in the AUTHORITY of Jesus' name.

Acts 3:1-10 (NIV)

¹ One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

POWER — NAME — AUTHORITY — CHARACTER

Acts 4:1-12 (NIV)

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest’s family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

**There is no salvation or true significance
APART from the name of Jesus.**

John 14:13-14 (NIV) "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

John 15:16 (NIV) "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

John 16:23-24 (NIV) "In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 20:31 (NLT) But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

John 17:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

SO WHAT?

Whose NAME defines your life?

NOTES:

DUNAMIS: *inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth.*

“No one can be saved without knowing the name of Jesus, and none can be effectively used of God without knowing the authority of that name.”

- Watchman Nee



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Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

- :: Take a moment to reflect on the ways you were able/unable to experience the presence and power of God in your life this past week.
 - :: Where has a lack of power caused you to struggle in life?
 - :: How would you describe your prayer life?
 - :: Share how that's impacted your readiness/ability to live in HIS power.
 - :: Reread/Review the end of Acts 3 and beginning of Acts 4.
 - :: What stands out to you in this passage?
 - :: What role did dunamis power play in this scenario?
 - :: How did Peter bring dunamis power to bear in this situation?
 - :: What area[s] of your life are not currently marked by HIS power?
 - :: Identify what dunamis power might look like in our daily lives.
 - :: Chinese author and pastor, Watchman Nee said, "No one can be saved without knowing the name of Jesus, and none can be effectively used of God without knowing the authority of that name."
 - :: Discuss the implications of his statement[s].
 - :: What do you need to do to depend on God's power more than yours?
 - :: What do you need to do for yourself/others to fully live in the power of Jesus name? Take a moment to pray. Ask God to empower you to do that this week.
 - :: Identify 1 person to pray for you & hold you accountable to do it.
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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I recognize you as Savior; and I choose to respond to you as my Risen LORD. Help me to walk with you by faith in every area of my life. In Your name, Amen.

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