

The Mighty God Child

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In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. Hebrews 1:1-3a (NIV)

...Christ is the mighty power of God... 1 Corinthians 1:24b (TLB)

The Good News is about God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As a man, he was born from the family of David. But through the Spirit of holiness he was declared to be God's Son with great power by rising from death.

Romans 1:4 (ICB)

Why does Jesus bring God's might to earth?

1. Jesus brings God's power to overcome my greatest problem.

It's impossible for people to save themselves, but it's not impossible for God to save them. Everything is possible for God.

Mark 10:27b (GWT)

While we were still helpless [powerless to provide for our salvation], at the right time Christ died [as a substitute] for the ungodly. ⁷ Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to willingly give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a good man [one who is noble and selfless and worthy] someone might even dare to die. ⁸ But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Therefore, since we have now been justified [declared free of the guilt of sin] by His blood, [how much more certain is it that] we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more certain, having been reconciled, that we will be saved [from the consequences of sin] by His life [that is, we will be saved because Christ lives today].

2. Jesus brings God's power to fulfill all of God's promises.

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" 2 Corinthians 1:20a (NLT)

As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! ⁴ And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)

3. Jesus brings God's power to help me prevail.

Is anything too hard for the Lord? Genesis 18:14a (NIV)

We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens—always full of the joy of the Lord. Colossians 1:11 (TLB)

Now the God who raised up our Lord from the grave will awaken and raise us up through his mighty power! 1 Corinthians 6:14 (TPT)

Question: How do I experience God's power in my life?

Answer: I decide to live by God's power.

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. 1 Peter 5:6 (NLT)

Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10 (NIRV)

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

Colossians 2:12 (NLT)