

# GREETINGS FROM GREENVINE



Power. Powerful. A word that is used throughout the Bible, especially when considering Jehovah God and a part of His workings among His people.

One of Karen's favorite verses is **2 Peter 1: 3 & 4** — **“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”**

In the original languages of the New Testament, the word “power” is “dynamis” from which we get the English word, “dynamite.” Powerful! Energy! Explosive! TNT! The very power of God available to you and me!

It is the power of God that gives us what we need to live lives that are not only well pleasing to Him, but also the ability to live that life. God provides what we need to live a life that He has for us. He provides the “wherewithal” to obey what He has asked us, even commanded us to do. Our obedience is wrapped up in utilizing the power that He has provided us to accomplish the tasks and goals that He desires in us.

What a loving and kind God, who cares so much for us that He is the provider of the power to live the life that He expects for us. How gracious!

In those verses, He even tells us how He accomplished that in our lives. Peter writes that the power to live a life well pleasing to Him is accomplished by our knowledge of Himself. We must learn more about an infinite God. That educational process is never completed until we meet Christ face to face when He returns for us. Even then, I think we will always have more to learn. We will see aspects of the God of the universe that we in our limited minds could not even take in, much less understand. However, for now, He has given us His Word, the Bible to reveal to us His very mind.

That is so important, maybe the most important aspect of Christian living in our lives today. We must read the Scriptures all the time. David, who wrote Psalm 119 talks of the importance of God's Word in every verse in that Psalm. By the way, Psalm 119 is the

longest chapter in the Bible. Here are a couple that remind us of the importance of the Word of God in our lives:

9: How can a young person stay on the path to purity? By living according to Your Word.

11: I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

15: I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways.

16: I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your Word.

20: My soul is consumed with longing for Your laws all the time.

32: I run in the path of Your commands, for You have broadened my understanding.

33: Teach me, Lord, the way of Your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

45: I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out Your precepts.

66: Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust Your commands.

72: The law from Your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

81: My soul faints with longing for Your salvation, but I have put my hope in Your Word.

89: Your Word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

97: Oh, how I love Your law! I meditate on it all day long.

105: Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.

130: The unfolding of Your Word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

138: The statutes You have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.

172: May my tongue sing of Your Word, for all Your commands are righteous.

You might want to read the entire Psalm this week. Each verse speaks of the truth of the Word of God. He uses several words to describe the Word of God. Precepts. Law. Statutes. Commands. All these words describe an aspect of the Word of God that guided the Psalmist in his life of following Him.

We will do well to interject God's Word into our lives everyday, every moment as well.

Just as an illustration. Early on in our marriage, we moved to New Iberia, Louisiana from Lafayette to manage a lumber/hardware store there. We were about 30 minutes from the little church that we attended while in Lafayette and we desired to still attend even though we were in a different city. We thought it would be a great idea to begin reading Psalm 119 and it would keep us busy on that trip for many weeks to come. I drove, Karen read. She also took care of our first born on those trips. She read slowly and distinctly we could savor each and every word as we were on the road. Much to our surprise, it only

took 10 minutes to read the 176 verses. 10 minutes! The longest chapter in the Bible only took 10 minutes to read.

I would imagine that we all have 10 minutes that we can spare every day to read God's Word. If we were to read one chapter of the Bible each day, we would only be forfeiting about 10 minutes of our time to get into God's Word. Let me encourage you to take at least 10 minutes out of your day, daily to read the Bible. I will be giving our a daily reading for the days of December. Just short passages that recall and remind us of the season of Advent. Just a couple verses that will fix our hearts on His Word, concerning Jesus' first coming to this earth as a man.

Blessings upon you. We will continue this study on the word "power" for the next couple of newsletters. Jack & Karen

## Announcements

- Wednesday Night Bible Study -Wednesday nights @ 6pm
- Southern Association Women's Retreat - November 5-7, 2021 - Sandy Creek Bible Camp
- Greenvine's Girls of Grace - Tuesday November 9, 2021@ 6pm
- Salute to America meal and concert (A tribute to Hank Williams Sr) - Thursday Nov 11 - Benefiting Burton Bridge Ministry - Tickets \$25 - See Deborah Stevens or Charlotte
- Taco Stack at Blinn - Wednesday November 17
- Women's Bake Sale - Supporting Chain of Love - Sunday November 21
- Burton Bridge Community Thanksgiving Meal - Sunday November 21 - 1pm



Remember Boxes are due by Sunday November 14.

We will be taking a collection this Sunday November 7 for those who want to pay \$25 for a box to be prepared.

## Prayer Requests

Jack and Karen's Nephew - Pray that he will listen to the Doctors and to his mother

Karen - Continued healing on her wrist

Brayden Lopez - Mental and Spiritual health

Debbie Reed - Recovery on her wrist

Cliff reed -Recovering from Back Surgery - Please pray his pain subsides

Please keep the Tepera family in your prayers in the loss of Kevin

Brittany's mother Tracy. Please pray for continued healing

Neal Lampe has come home. Please pray for continued healing

Please remember Linda Fogle and her family in the loss of Rick

Carolyn Cox -Home recovering from fall and pneumonia

Geri Smart's daughter as she continues to battle cancer

Denny's Sister is in need of a Kidney Transplant

Becky's granddaughter Taylor who has Cystic Fibrosis and is having health issues

Oran Lambright, Jack and Karen's friend has come home and is recovering

Ray and Bev Morris - Bev and been diagnosed with Alzheimers

Sandra Carson's daughter Candace is having some mental health issues

Bob & Sadie Easley - Health issues

Please remember Bob's family in the loss of his brother

Ed Ehring's sister Julie Robison is suffering from Alzheimer's.

Vicky Hoffman - legally blind but her eyes are getting worse

Prayers for those working in health related jobs, for protection. Especially those from our own families:  
Karen at St Joseph - Susan - State School - Zella Johnson