

## 6. 1. Peter: Power &amp; Glory

*To Him be the power forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5.11*

*...since you have given Him authority over all people...this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent. John 17.3*

Today, all 4 lectionary texts reference God's power and two speak of God's glory. Power and glory are \_\_\_\_\_, not only in the Kingdom of God, but also in the kingdoms of this world.

Power is to the human \_\_\_\_\_ what water is to the human body! We cannot live a functional life without exercising our power.

We will use our power to preserve our privilege, to achieve our ambitions, to guard our wealth, and to punish and take revenge, whereas God uses His power to \_\_\_\_\_.

Yet, herein lies the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel, we are called by God in Christ to live by the power of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the grave.

All of life and the life of faith, turns on this one word, \_\_\_\_\_. If we want to be a doctor or a plumber, **what** we know is the key to the practice of our vocation. Although what we know is important, Who we know is the key to eternal life! Eternal life is to know God, the only true God revealed in Jesus Christ.

*To Him be the power forever and ever.* In the midst of our suffering, the God of all grace has called us to His eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. But this call can only be answered in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word "\_\_\_\_\_" is used in the New Testament to speak about the "nature" of God as well as the "honor," "respect," or "reputation" of God. In our text this morning, it means both God's nature and honor.

It is only by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit that our hearts are transformed and we are empowered to reveal God's nature and honor to the world in our flesh. In other words, the messenger becomes the message.

Glory and power! The glory we seek and our use of power all comes down to what and \_\_\_\_\_ we know!

*...this is eternal life, that they may **know You, the only true God.***

We are called by God to surrender the things of this world that we may know Him, and Jesus Christ Whom He has sent. And in knowing Him we will \_\_\_\_\_ His glory and power, that is, we will reveal His nature and honor to the world.