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Receiving Supernatural Strength

God admonishes us as Believer in Jesus Christ to be strong, not weak. We are to be strong in two distinct things: (1) the Lord Himself and (2) the Power of His <u>Might</u>. (Ephesians 6:10) The Might of God is His Supernatural Strength. It comes from the Holy Ghost who "transfers" it to our spirit.

The Strength of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is the third Person of the Triune Godhead. There is God the <u>Father</u>, God the <u>Word</u> and God the <u>Holy Ghost</u> (also called the Holy Spirit). These three are one. *(I John 5:7)* The Holy Ghost was sent to earth and dwelt inside Jesus (the Word). Of note, He raised Jesus from the **dead** after His crucifixion. *(Romans 8:11)* Therefore, He is greater in Strength than death and all the negative things operating in the earth that can cause death (sickness, disease, hurricanes, evil people, etc.).

Receiving Might from the Holy Spirit

After we confess our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells inside our hearts, just as He did Jesus. Being there, He empowers us with the same Strength that He used to raise Jesus from the dead. What happens is this: our spirit, which is our inner man, (Ephesians 3:16) is baptized into the Holy Spirit. With this baptism, we become "Covenant" children of God. (Romans 8:15-16) As God's children we are His **heirs**. We are destined to inherit every Promise that God has made to us in Christ. (II Peter 1:3-4) The critical point is that we only inherit His Promises through faith and Patience; these two. Hebrews 6:12 declares, "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."



Strength Given Through Adversity When the Holy Spirit takes up residence in our hearts, we do not have His Strength at that moment. He "transfers" it to our spirit. We are

strengthened with Might by His Spirit in us.

The Might of God is manifested in us as **Patience** with joyfulness. *(Colossians 1:12)* Because of the nature of God's Strength, the "transfer" takes place only in **adversity**. Remember that important point. Patience is defined as calm "endurance" of difficulty without complaining or giving in to it. Accordingly, we must face challenge; we must endure the challenge; then we inherit a blessing. This is God's order. We see that His Patience is needed to endure the challenge to inherit. The following is critical to receiving God's Strength:

- Weakness God's Strength is released to our spirit <u>only</u> in times of weakness. (II Corinthians 12:9-10) Therefore, our inner man is destined to be weakened by some problem - Relationship difficulty, Financial problem, Health challenge, etc.
- Mindset –Since we know that problems are going to occur, we must not have a fearful or doubtful mind while we go through them. We always "overcome" them because greater is the Holy Spirit within us than he who is in the world. (I John 4:4)
- Focus This is the critical key. We do not focus on the problem. Rather, we focus our attention <u>continually</u> on God's Promises and receive Strength "transfer."