

## God is All-Powerful

Rev 19:6; Eph 1:18-21; Eph 3:14-19

### Introduction:

As we start the New Year we want to focus our attention on God. Last week we focused on “**God Being Unchanging.**” With so many things uncertain and unsettled, we can find great comfort in the fact that God does not change. God’s unchanging character is rooted in his love for us. It is not dependent on our circumstances or our responses to those circumstances.

This week we will focus on “**God Being All-Powerful.**” The concept of power can elicit a variety of responses from us. Power can create *fear*, especially when it is misused. When power is used to protect us we feel *comforted*. Additionally, power can create a sense of *marvel*. How we relate to the concept of power is often tied to our experiences with power. If we have experienced abuses of power, the concept of God being All-Powerful might be frightening. We might see God as someone who punishes us if we are bad. This might motivate us to keep God at arm’s length in fear of punishment. This week’s sermon considers what the Bible says about God and His power.

We are going to look at three things:

- God alone is all-powerful.
- God’s power is personal.
- Why is this important to know?

### Discuss:

1. As you reflect on the sermon, what stood out to you? What challenged you? Were there any questions you wanted answered?

### God alone is all-powerful.

2. The words “Almighty” and “Omnipotent” are used 56 times in Scripture and are never used to describe anyone but God. When you think of God being “All-Powerful” what emotions and thoughts come to mind?

### God’s power is personal.

3. Reread Ephesians 1:18-21. What does it say about the power of

God?

4. In the book of Ephesians, chapters 1-3, Paul describes what the power of God is like. Then in chapters 4-6, he shows us what the power of God does in a person’s life. For example:
  - We see in chapter 4, when we struggle with anger and bitterness, God’s power enables us to forgive.
  - In chapter 5, when we feel powerless in our marriage, frustrated with parenting or with work, Paul discusses how to apply the power of God to our relationships.
  - In Chapter 6, we are reminded to put on the armor of God to help us not feel powerless in the midst of the challenges we experience.

How have you seen the power of God work in your life?

### Why is this important to know?

5. Knowing that God alone is all-powerful and his power is for us enables us to trust God. However, many times we struggle to trust God. What makes it difficult to trust God?
6. In Ephesians 3:14-19 the Apostle Paul prays that we would have the power to grasp the love of God for us. How does this passage encourage you to put your trust in God and his love for you?
7. Take a moment to reflect on Christ’s expression of love by going to the cross in our place. How does this embolden your trust in God?

### Apply

In his book, “Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts,” Jerry Bridges states, “Trust is not a passive state of mind. It is a vigorous act of the soul by which we choose to lay hold on the promises of God and cling to them despite the adversity that at times seeks to overwhelm us.”

What are some areas in your life that you find challenging? Knowing that the All-powerful God is for you, take some time to pray and bring your concerns to him.