



'More than Conqueror' focus

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Pastor's Desk

GOD PAYS ATTENTION TO OUR PRAYERS.

Isaiah 65:24. “And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear”. The story of every great Christian achievement is the history of answered prayer. Christians who know how to pray are the richest gifts earth can offer heaven. Prayer honors God and dishonors self. It is man's plea of weakness, ignorance, want, a plea which heavens cannot disregard. The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire; it had bridled the rage of lions; extinguished wars, expelled demons, bust the chains of death, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt. Paul calls it a striving, an agony. With Jacob it is wrestling. Elijah prayed and God answered him by fire. Hannah's prayer was observed by Eli as “spiritual drunkenness”! It is the battlefield of the Church, its citadel, the

scene of heroic and unearthly conflicts. If we can go on our knees and cry to the God of heavens and earth; then we can be reassured of overcoming any situation confronting us in life. The prayer that attracts divine attention is not a prayer from the lips but a prayer from the heart. Prayer is not the fruit of natural talents; it is the product of faith, of holiness, and of deeply spiritual character. This is the month of your “*Divine Attention*” when heaven is ready to focus her attention to that your particular need and give you your heart desires. The goal of prayer is the ear of God; and God will hear every one of your cries in the busy hour of the daytime and in the lonely watches of night in Jesus name.

**JESUS IS LORD.
PASTOR MIKE ILELADEWA.**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday Service: 10:30am—1pm; Monday Bible Study: 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday Prayer Warrior : 11pm— 1am; Thursday House Fellowship : 6pm

Monthly Activities

Men's Fellowship Meeting:

First Sunday of Every month; 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 7th Feb, 2016]

Vigil Prayer Meeting

2nd Friday of Every month; 1pm-3am

[Next meeting: 12th Feb, 2016]

Women's Fellowship Meeting:

Third Sunday of Every month; 1pm-3pm

[Next meeting: 21st Feb, 2016]

General Evangelism

Third Sat. of Every Month; 3pm-4pm

[Next meeting: 20th Feb, 2016]

Breakthrough Prayer Meeting:

Last Friday of Every Month; 7pm-9pm

[Next meeting: 26th Feb, 2016]

“I am an Overcomer because Jesus Christ who lives in me is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)”

Faith in The Power of God.

By John Piper

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In coming to you brothers and sisters, I come proclaiming to you the testimony of God not according to excellence of word or of wisdom. For I decided not to know anything among you but Jesus Christ and this one crucified. I come to you in weakness and in much fear and trembling. My word and proclamation are not in persuasive words of human wisdom but by the demonstration of the Spirit and power, so that your faith might not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God!

So let's look at 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Paul had spent about 18 months in Corinth on his first visit there. Now he writes his first letter to warn the believers against basing their faith on the wisdom of men instead of God's power. One of the ways he does this is to remind them of *what* his aim was in first coming to them and *how* he came. First we'll talk about the *aim* of Paul's (and our) ministry. Verse 5: his aim, his purpose was that "your faith might not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Paul stated it again and again: "I was given the grace of apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations" (Rom. 1:5). The aim of Paul's life is the aim of mine. And it should be the aim of every pastor, every seminary intern, every Sunday School teacher, and every believer who speaks to another person: to beget and build faith.

But it was possible in Paul's day and I believe it is rampant in our day—in churches and TV and radio—to try to build faith by calling attention to the wrong things.

This has a devastating effect on the mission of Christ and the church, as I think we can see by looking more closely at **verse 5**. Why is it so crucial that our faith not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God? Does it really matter what your faith is based on as long as Christ is the object of your faith? For Paul it made a great difference what a preacher offers as the basis of faith. Why? The reason can be found in chapter 1. It is this: if you try to base saving faith on the "wisdom of men" it ceases to be saving faith because the content of that faith is regarded as foolishness by the world's wisdom. The genuineness of faith, and with it eternal life, is at stake in the basis we offer for faith. It is possible to offer a basis for faith which ruins faith. There is a kind of foundation which will destroy the superstructure of faith. That's why it is so crucial for our faith not to rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God—because if it rests in the wisdom of men it is a mirage, a bogus faith.

To be continued in next issue...

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The Overcomers Christian Fellowship Int'l, Plymouth

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 19th —OCFI Worker's Training Meeting (Time: 7pm-9pm)

Saturday, February 27th — The Overcomers Voice Gospel Concert (Time: 6.30pm)

2016 Annual Convention Programme Details

Thursday, 3rd March:

An Evening of Teaching (Time: 6pm—9pm)

Friday, 4th March:

A Night of Prayer & Deliverance (Time: 6pm—9pm)

Saturday, 5th March:

Seminar Session (Time: 10am—1.15pm)

Break and Free Refreshment (Time: 1.15pm—2pm)

Anointing session (Time: 2pm—4pm)

Sunday, 6th March:

Thanksgiving & Celebration Service (Time: 10.30am—1pm)