

Divine Power

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Introduction

Thomas defines δύναμις [dunamis] as “from *dunamai* [to be able, to have power], meaning, “(miraculous) power, might, strength” [1411].

BDAG say it generally refers to “‘capability,’ with emphasis on function; (1) potential for functioning in some way, power, might, strength, force, capability; (2) ability to carry out something, ability, capability; (3) a deed that exhibits ability to function powerfully, deed of power, miracle, wonder; (4) something that serves as an adjunct of power, resource; (5) an entity or being, whether human or transcendent, that functions in a remarkable manner, power as a personal transcendent spirit or heavenly agent/angel; (5) the capacity to convey thought, meaning.”

Strong/Thayer say it refers to “(1) strength power, ability; (a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth; (b) power for performing miracles; (c) moral power and excellence of soul; (d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth; (e) power and resources arising from numbers; (f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts. For synonyms see entries *bia*; *energeia*; *exousia*; *ischus*; and *kratos*” [1411].

This Greek word occurs 119x in the NT. Our study of *dunamis*, while not exhaustive, focuses on the broad areas of application and relevance. Let us never forget that power belongs to the Lord (Matt. 6:13; 22:29; Rom. 1:18-20; etc.).

Matthew 6:13 ... 13 ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]’ (NASB95)

Matthew 22:29 ... 29 But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. (NASB95)

*Romans 1:18-20 ... 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal *power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. (NASB95)*

Divine Power is Evidenced in the Person of Jesus Christ

His Birth (Luke 1:30-38, esp. vs. 35).

*Luke 1:30-38 ... 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the ***power** of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. 36 “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. 37 “For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. (NASB95)*

His Miracles and Message (Matt. 13:54; Mark 5:25-30; 6:2; Luke 4:14-15; 4:36; 5:17; 6:17-19; Acts 2:22; 10:38; 2 Pet. 1:16-18; etc.).

*Matthew 13:54 ... 54 He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these ***miraculous *powers**? (NASB95)*

*Mark 5:25-30 ... 25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse— 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. 28 For she thought, “If I just touch His garments, I will get well.” 29 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. 30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the ***power** proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My garments?” (NASB95)*

*Mark 6:2 ... 2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such ***miracles** as these performed by His hands? (NASB95)*

*Luke 4:14-15 ... 14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the ***power** of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. 15 And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. (NASB95)*

Luke 4:36 ... 36 And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, “What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.” (NASB95)

*Luke 5:17 ... 17 One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the ***power** of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing. (NASB95)*

*Luke 6:17-19 ... 17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for ***power** was coming from Him and healing them all. (NASB95)*

Acts 2:22 ... 22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— (NASB95)

*Acts 10:38 ... 38 “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with ***power**, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (NASB95)*

*2 Peter 1:16-18 ... 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the ***power** and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”— 18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. (NASB95)*

His Resurrection (Rom. 1:1-4; 2 Cor. 13:4).

*Romans 1:1-4 ... 1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with ***power** by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, (NASB95)*

*2 Corinthians 13:4 ... 4 For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the ***power** of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you. (NASB95)*

Divine Power is Evidenced in the People of God

The Apostles (Luke 9:1-2; Acts 19:11-12; 3:11-12; 4:5-10; 8:9-13; 19:11-12; Rom. 15:18-19; etc.)

*Luke 9:1-2 ... 1 And He called the twelve together, and gave them ***power** and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. 2 And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. (NASB95)*

Acts 19:11-12 ... 11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. (NASB95)

*Acts 3:11-12 ... 11 While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement. 12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own ***power** or piety we had made him walk? (NASB95)*

*Acts 4:5-10 ... 5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; 6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. 7 When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, “By what ***power**, or in what name, have you done this?” 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people, 9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. (NASB95)*

*Acts 8:9-13 ... 9 Now there was a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; 10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, “This man is what is called the Great ***Power** of God.” 11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. 13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great ***miracles** taking place, he was constantly amazed. (NASB95)*

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*Romans 15:18-19 ... 18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, 19 in the ***power** of signs and wonders, in the ***power** of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. (NASB95)*

The Seventy (Luke 10:17-20, esp. vs. 19).

*Luke 10:17-20 ... 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” 18 And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 “Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the ***power** of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.” (NASB95)*

The Disciples (Matt. 25:14-15; Rom. 15:13; 2 Cor. 4:7; 12:7-10; Eph. 3:20-21; 2 Tim. 1:7-8; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; etc.).

*Matthew 25:14-15 ... 14 "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 "To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ***ability**; and he went on his journey. (NASB95)*

*Romans 15:13 ... 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the ***power** of the Holy Spirit. (NASB95)*

*2 Corinthians 4:7 ... 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the ***power** will be of God and not from ourselves; (NASB95)*

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ... 7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for ***power** is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (NASB95)*

*Ephesians 3:20-21 ... 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the ***power** that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. (NASB95)*

*2 Timothy 1:7-8 ... 7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of ***power** and love and discipline. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the ***power** of God, (NASB95)*

*1 Peter 1:3-5 ... 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the ***power** of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (NASB95)*

Divine Power is Evidenced in the Church

Its Establishment (Mark 9:1; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4, 14-17, 22-24, 32-33).

Mark 9:1 ... 1 And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.” (NASB95)

*Luke 24:45-49 ... 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 “You are witnesses of these things. 49 “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with ***power** from on high.” (NASB95)*

*Acts 1:6-8 ... 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive ***power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (NASB95)*

Acts 2:1-4 ... 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. (NASB95)

Acts 2:14-17 ... 14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, ‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams; (NASB95)

Acts 2:22-24 ... 22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. (NASB95)

Acts 2:32-33 ... 32 “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. (NASB95)

Its Work (Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 5:3-5; 12:4-11, 27-31; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; etc.)

*Acts 4:32-35 ... 32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. 33 And with great ***power** the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. 34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales 35 and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 5:3-5 ... 3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the ***power** of our Lord Jesus, 5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ... 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of ***miracles**, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 12:27-31 ... 27 Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then ***miracles**, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. 29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of ***miracles**, are they? 30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? 31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way. (NASB95)*

*2 Corinthians 8:1-5 ... 1 Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. 3 For I testify that according to their ***ability**, and beyond their ***ability**, they gave of their own accord, 4 begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, 5 and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. (NASB95)*

Its Message (Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 6:4-7; 2 Pet. 1:2-3).

*Romans 1:16-17 ... 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the ***power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the*

righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.” (NASB95)

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ... 18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the ***power** of God. 19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.” 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the ***power** of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ... 1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of ***power**, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the ***power** of God. (NASB95)*

*2 Corinthians 6:4-7 ... 4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, 5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, 7 in the word of truth, in the ***power** of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, (NASB95)*

*2 Peter 1:2-3 ... 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 3 seeing that His divine ***power** has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. (NASB95)*

Divine Power is Evidenced in Response to Adversarial Powers

Ancient Egypt

Divine power is demonstrated through God’s triumph over stubborn Pharaoh (Rom. 9:17).

Romans 9:17 ... 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.” (NASB95)

Apostate Israel

Divine power is demonstrated through Jesus' triumph over rebellious Israel (Matt. 24:29-30; 26:63-64; Mark 13:24-26; 14:61-62; Luke 21:25-28; 22:67-70).

*Matthew 24:29-30 ... 29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the ***powers** of the heavens will be shaken. 30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with ***power** and great glory. (NASB95)*

*Matthew 26:63-64 ... 63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of ***Power**, and coming on the clouds of heaven." (NASB95)*

*Mark 13:24-26 ... 24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the ***powers** that are in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great ***power** and glory. (NASB95)*

*Mark 14:61-62 ... 61 But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of ***Power**, and coming with the clouds of heaven." (NASB95)*

*Luke 21:25-28 ... 25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the ***powers** of the heavens will be shaken. 27 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with ***power** and great glory. 28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (NASB95)*

Luke 22:67-70 ... 67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; 68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer. 69 "But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." 70 And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." (NASB95)

Adversarial Rome

Divine power is demonstrated through God's triumph over adversarial Rome. Yes, the Sea Beast, i.e., Imperial Rome possessed great power (Rev. 13:1-2; 17:12-13; 18:1-3). However, infinitely greater is the power of God the Father (Rev. 4:11; 7:11-12; 11:16-17; 15:5-8; 19:1-2), Jesus Christ the Son (Rev. 1:16; 5:11-12), and faithful disciples (Rev. 3:8-9; 12:7-12; cf. Rom. 8:35-39).

*Revelation 13:1-2 ... 1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his ***power** and his throne and great authority. (NASB95)*

*Revelation 17:12-13 ... 12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. 13 “These have one purpose, and they give their ***power** and authority to the beast. (NASB95)*

*Revelation 18:1-3 ... 1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 “For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the ***wealth** of her sensuality.” (NASB95)*

*Revelation 4:11 ... 11 “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and ***power**; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.” (NASB95)*

*Revelation 7:11-12 ... 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and ***power** and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” (NASB95)*

*Revelation 11:16-17 ... 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great ***power** and have begun to reign. (NASB95)*

*Revelation 15:5-8 ... 5 After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, 6 and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His ***power**; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished. (NASB95)*

*Revelation 19:1-2 ... 1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and ***power** belong to our God; 2 because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot*

who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her.” (NASB95)

*Revelation 1:16 ... 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its ***strength**. (NASB95)*

*Revelation 5:11-12 ... 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive ***power** and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” (NASB95)*

*Revelation 3:8-9 ... 8 ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little ***power**, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 ‘Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. (NASB95)*

*Revelation 12:7-12 ... 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the ***power**, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12 “For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.” (NASB95)*

*Romans 8:35-39 ... 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, “For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor ***powers**, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NASB95)*

False Teachers & Faithless Brethren

Divine power is demonstrated through God's triumph over false teachers and faithless brethren (1 Cor. 4:18-21; 2 Thess. 2:7-12).

*1 Corinthians 4:18-21 ... 18 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their ***power**. 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in ***power**. 21 What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness? (NASB95)*

*2 Thessalonians 2:7-12 ... 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all ***power** and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. (NASB95)*

Satan and Sinners

Divine power is demonstrated through God's triumph over Satan and sinners (1 Cor. 15:23-26; 2 Thess. 1:5-12; Rev. 20:10).

*1 Corinthians 15:23-26 ... 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and ***power**. 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. (NASB95)*

*2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 ... 5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. 6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His ***mighty** angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed. 11 To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with ***power**, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (NASB95)*

Revelation 20:10 ... 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (NASB95)

Conclusion

Just as divine power was seen in Christ's resurrection, it will also be witnessed in our own (1 Cor. 6:14; 15:42-44, 55-57).

*1 Corinthians 6:14 ... 14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His ***power**. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 15:42-44 ... 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in ***power**; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 15:55-57 ... 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the ***power** of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NASB95)*

Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16-17; Heb. 5:8-9)?

*Romans 1:16-17 ... 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the ***power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." (NASB95)*

Hebrews 5:8-9 ... 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, (NASB95)