

DIVINE DYNAMITE

"The Power of God"

Intro. - Infidel said "I do not understand, nor do I believe that the blood of Jesus Christ can wash away my sin." X^{tn} said, "you & St. Paul quite agree on that subject. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but to us who are saved it is the power of God."

I. Christ is the Power of God. (I Cor. 1:24)

1. He is the Power of God in His own person

A. Either bad, or mad, or God.

B. moyst brought angel down,
Bethlehem lifted mortals up;
Jesus does both

2. He is the power of God in history

A. Jean Paul Richter said that Jesus with his pierced hand lifted empires of their hinges, and turned the stream of centuries from its channel.

B. Col. 1:16 - "By Him were all things created."

3. He is the Power of God in Human Experience

A. somebody asked Mr. Cbridge if ~~the~~ one could prove the truth of X^{ty}. He made the simple but complete reply "Why certainly. Let him try it."

B. College boy's blind father died. When he was called away to ~~the~~ ~~fun~~ he with him in his last moments, his friends on the football team were in despair. Defeat seemed certain. But he returned from the funeral in time to play, turning defeat into victory. He said his father had told him to, & had said, "Son, maybe I'll be watching you."

(I Cor. 1:18)

The Message of the Cross is the Power of God.
II. The Gospel is the Power of God. Rom. 1:16.

1. Power to Save the vilest sinner

Browning, "The Ring & the Book."

"to mark the truth he flung out his one blow,
and Mido saw - one instant - and he saved."

A. Convinces of sin
B. Moves one to accept Christ.

2. Power to Redeem a fallen race

A. Mr. Darwin visited Tierra del Fuego in 1833
said they were incapable of being civilized. 36 yrs.
later found them transformed. Sent U.S. 254 lbs.

3. Power to inspire the weakest saint

A. Presents the highest example in Christ

B. Extends strength for our weakness

C. Offers hope for the future.

~~4. Power to give victory to any church.~~

CONCLUSION:

2. This Power must be accepted & utilized.

A. we have harnessed only a tiny fraction
of the potential physical energy of the
universe

B. We use only a small fraction of 1%
of the intellectual potential of our
human brain.

C. There is enough power in the sacrificial
death of Christ to save all people of all
history for all eternity, but this power
must be accepted & utilized.

D. Christian people have at their disposal
enough spiritual to transform the world
if only we would use it & let it use us.