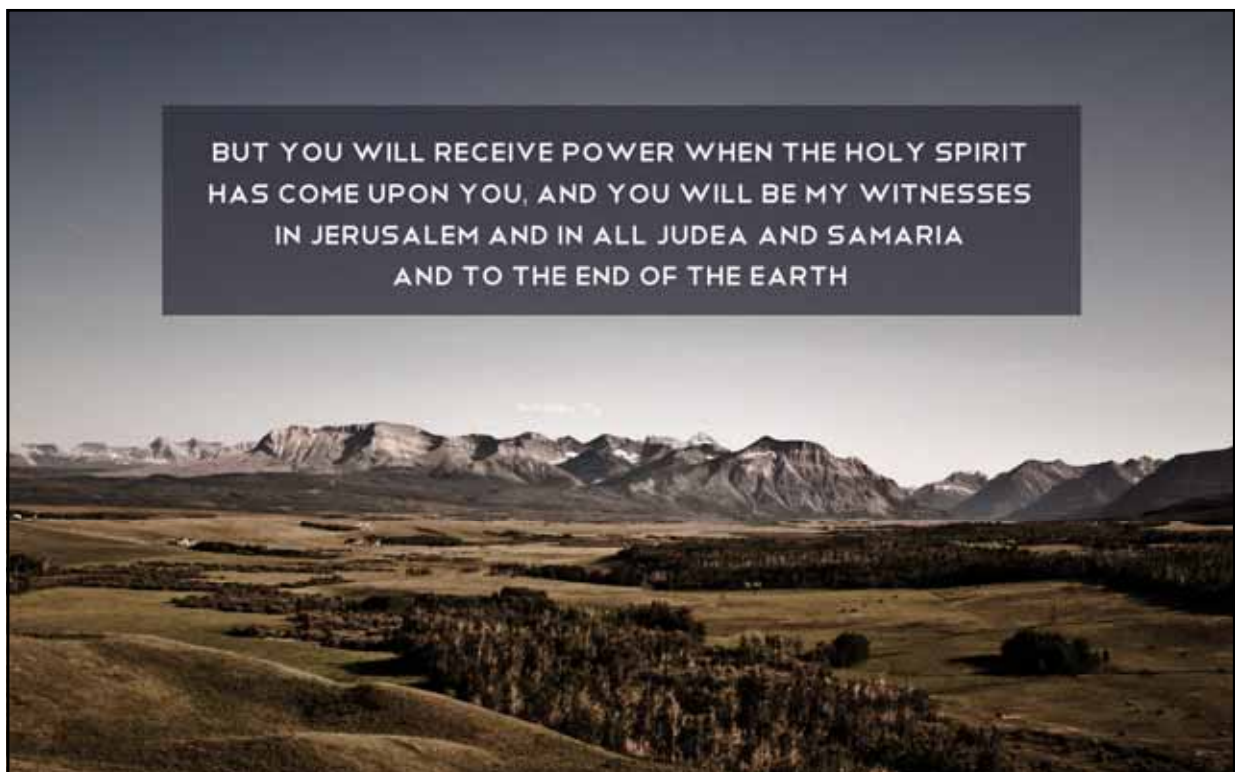




BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT  
HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES  
IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA  
AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH



## Empowered by the Holy Spirit To be Courageous

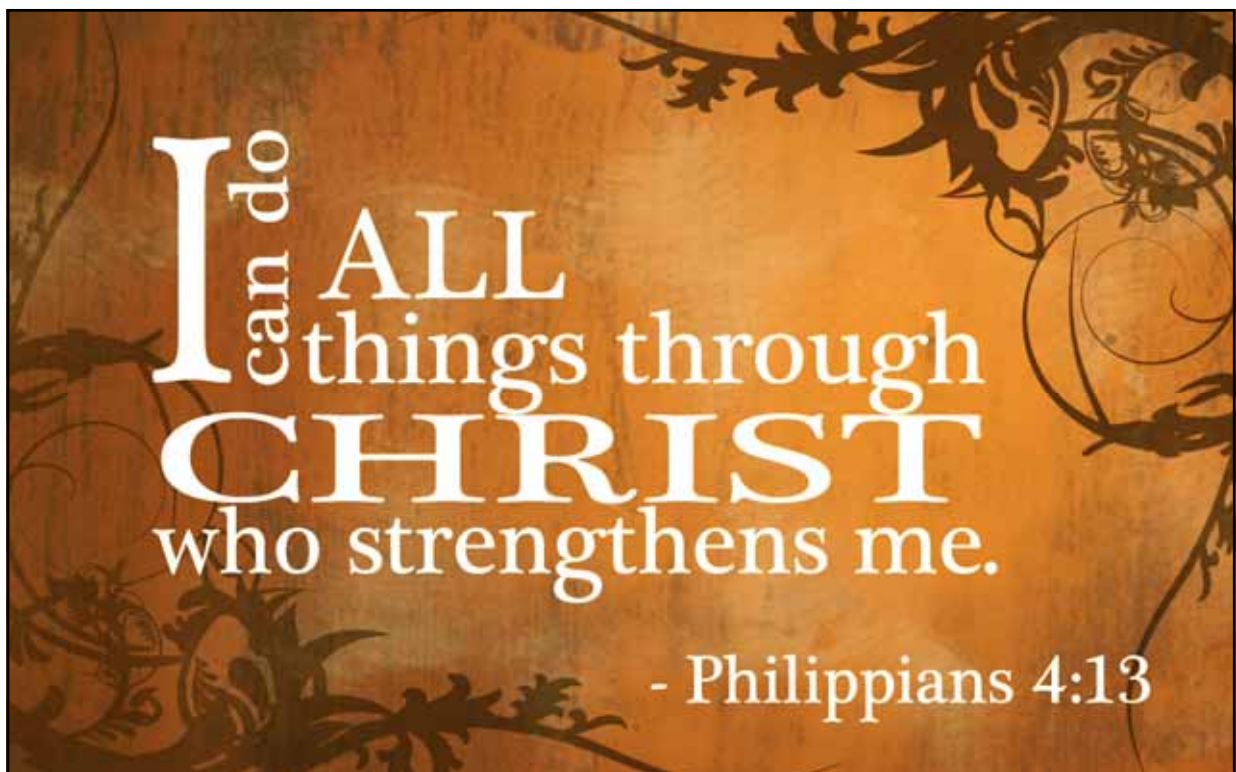
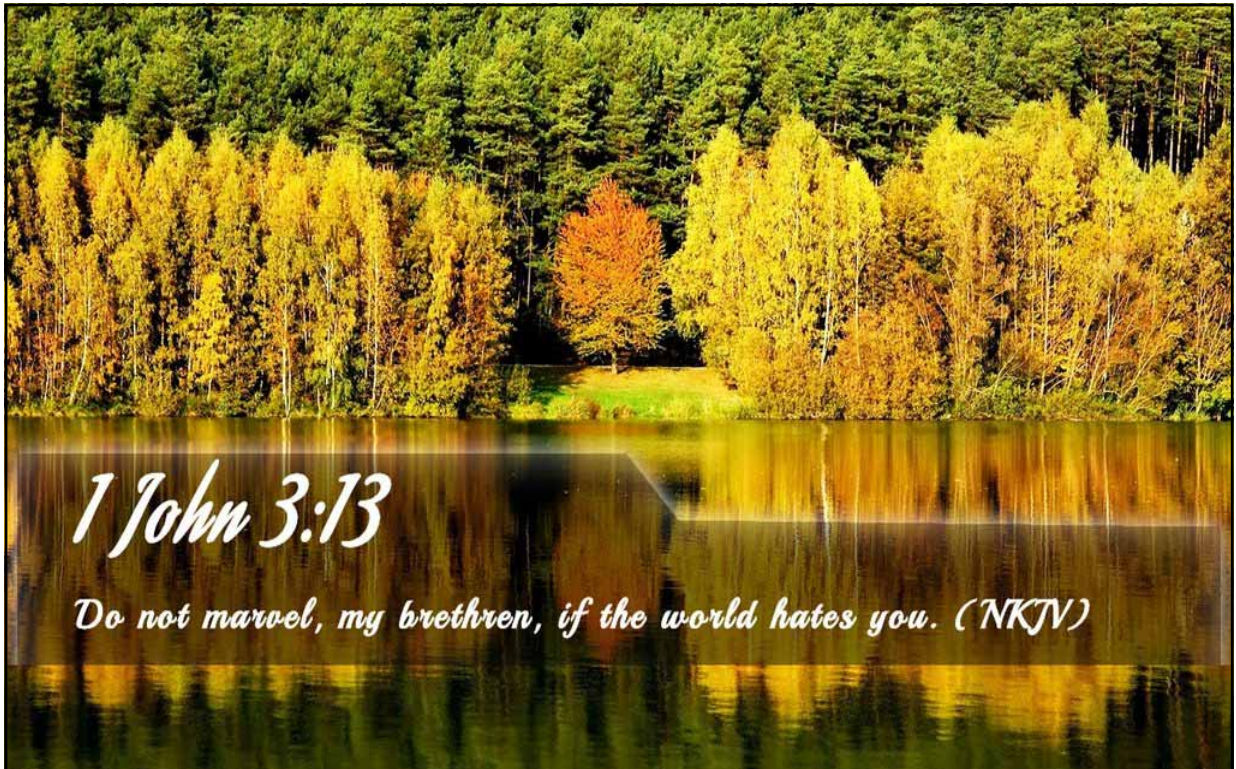
"While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see." Acts 3: 11-16 NIV Bible

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. <sup>22</sup> For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.' Acts 3: 17-23 NIV Bible

"Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. <sup>25</sup> And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.' <sup>26</sup> When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways." Acts 3: 24-26 NIV Bible

- Jesus Is the Suffering Servant
- Jesus Is the Fulfilment of Prophecy
- Jesus Is the Christ
- Jesus Is a Prophet Like Moses
- Jesus Is the offspring of Abraham

**1. Our Faith is to be Public, not Private**



## 2. Be Prepared

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17



**1. Scripture is inspired**

**2. Scripture is useful**

**3. Scripture equips**

**3. The Holy Spirit will  
Empower you**

"While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. <sup>68</sup> But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entrance. <sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." <sup>70</sup> Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup> He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." <sup>72</sup> Immediately the cock crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the cock crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept." Mark 14: 66-72 NIV Bible



Christ is your iron -  
He doesn't MAKE you strong:  
He **IS** your strength.