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## **“THE POWER OF GOD”**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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1. Twice as Paul brings this letter to a close, he refers or reminds us of “the Power of God”.
  2. **FIRST:** “For he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through “the power of God.” (II Cor. 13:3)
  3. **SECOND:** “For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him through “the power of God toward you.” (II Cor. 13:4)
  4. As God’s Power gave life to Jesus in raising Him for the dead, So shall He also give power of life to us.
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### **WORD OF THE CROSS**

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#### **A. The word of the Cross as it came to the Jew and Gentle world. (I Cor. 1).**

1. To the Jews “a stumbling block.”
  - a. Why a stumbling block?
  - b. What did they expect.
2. To The Gentiles = foolishness.
  - a. Why - The idea of a “dead Savior”.....A loser.
  - b. What they would have expected.

#### **B. To them that are saved: both Jew and gentile.**

1. “The Power of God”
  2. “The Wisdom of God”
  3. See also Romans 1;16.
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**IS CHRIST IN YOU? v. 5**

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**A. THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO:**

1. “Try your selves”
  - a. Many had been busy “trying” Paul
  - b. “Seeing you seek a proof of Christ....v. 3
  - c. They need to take a close look at them selves.
2. “Prove your own selves.”
  - a. “Prove”
  - b. Make sure .....check
  - c. Prove - Make sure you are correct.

**B TWO FOLD TEST:**

1. Are of The Faith?
  1. “The Faith”...Once for all delivered.
  2. Are they walking; living; holding and maintaining the faith.
  3. The system of faith....That is the gospel of Christ.
2. Is Jesus Christ In You?
  - a. If any man is in Christ....New creature. (II Cor. 5:17).
  - b. Galatians 3;27
  - c. “No longer I that live, but Christ living in me. (Gal. 2:20).

**B. UNLESS YE BE REPROBATE:**

1. Reprobate: What does it mean?
  - a. Investigate and rejected.
  - b. Proved to morally worthless.

**D. THUS TESTED.....ARE YOU....**

1. Reprobate....rejected.....OR
2. Approved
3. \*\*Unless you believed in vain....(I Cor. 15:2) READ 1-4.

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**FINALLY, BRETHREN**

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1. Be Perfected.
2. Be Comforted
3. Be of the Same Mind
4. Live in Peace

**AND**

1. The Grace of The Lord Jesus Christ
  2. The Love of God
  3. The Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all”.
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