Upon first seeing the title, one might justifiably think the study would focus on Yahshua raising people from the dead or perhaps would include Yahshua's own resurrection. Granted, lots of dead people have been brought back to life in the Bible! In a way, both topics are relevant to the study.

About a month or so ago, I came across a referenced Bible verse, Ephesians 1:19~20, in my daily morning internet prayer that prompted me to stop and think.

Eph 1:19-20 And what is the exceeding greatness of **his power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,.

In verse 19 it mentions the working of His mighty power to those who believe with exceeding greatness. This power used was the power used at the beginning.

2 Peter 1:3 *states according* as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto **life** and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:.

I believe it's this power generated within that enabled us to be called. Yes! We can speculate. We all may have wanted something else, perhaps without even knowing it! We may have simply been curious about creation. Maybe we knew there just had to be something else! Could it be that we had knocked once or twice with no answer and given up too quickly? Well, as we all now know...HE does indeed answer! Praise Yahshua! It's divine power that this study addresses. The power of obtaining life...Life everlasting!

If we go back a couple verses in Ephesians

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,.

It's to those of us who are called, called out of our "old" lives, "resurrected" if you will, wanting to be enlightened to share in the riches of the glory of His inheritance. This is His spirit at work within us...His power!

Again, verse 19: And what is the exceeding greatness of **his power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. It's only to those of us who believe according to the works of His mighty power. With that, we are called, we repent and are then baptized.

The study now proceeds to discuss additional crucial aspects of divine power that fundamentally changes our lives into becoming spiritually acceptable in righteousness to

attain an eternal presence with Yah and Yahshua. 2 Peter 1:3 discusses the aspect of divine power: being called.

2 Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:.

Next, the power of repentance: to effect spiritual change (People often wonder, saying why me? Why was I called?)

Mt 9:13b for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

And then Baptism where the fundamental conversion process begins with the infusion of the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Romans 6:3-5, 8 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

Now it's been quite a long time since I was baptized, but I remember as if it had been only yesterday. One line that was said which endures: "Are you ready to die of the old self"? When you emerge from the water, you're raised up from the "old self," walking in the newness of life, resurrected by the glory of the Father. The idea of glory expressed here conveys that those who are children of God will receive and share the glory of God, just as Yahshua did. In this sense, glory describes the goal towards which Christian life moves. The path we're paving and hopeful of taking is none other than our salvation...eternal life! Let us not waiver!

Acts 2:28 (NIV) You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

His resurrection brought unquantifiable blessings to individual believers, the church and to the world. His resurrection reminds us that He was raised by the Spirit of the Father, by the same Spirit that dwells in us giving life to our mortal bodies. This Spirit is His power. The Resurrection Power.

Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Staying on the topic of His spirit, His Power...it's the power that actually made us!

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Life to live here on earth ... and Life everlasting!

1 Corinthians 6:14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.

As believers, it is our hope to be His First Fruits! As described in Revelation 20, those raised by His power are to become priests of Yahshua for a thousand years (Rev 20:6). This is why it's imperative to be obedient to His word...Now! In order to insure that we do attain the fruits of that hope. As we all know, there are so many that follow main-line Christianity replete in false doctrine or far worse, life with no God, their lives filled with material god-idols of possession.

1 Corinthians 2:5 That your faith (*the Action of Your Belief*) should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the **power** of God.

Here I'd like to add a bit more on wisdom...Back in Ephesians 1:17, The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Wisdom. In Greek, it indicates the "source of" or "giver of" wisdom.

2 Timothy 3:15 *states*: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

When Yah opens our understanding to see and hear the truth of the Gospel, He enlightens us and imparts to us wisdom to know and act on the truth. He then gives us hope of future glory and assures us of that hope by the working of His mighty power in us. That is the very power that raised up Yahshua from the dead. The resurrection power.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

In trying to keep this study on the shorter side, I've decided to not include scriptures depicting the resurrection of Yahshua. For your reference they are: In the Gospels:

Matt 28:1-20

Mark 16:1-20

Luke 24:1-49

John 20:1-21,25

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

It's imperative to believe and live by His word and His truth!...And Pray!

Lastly, the Resurrection Power for Yahshua as described becomes the bedrock of our trust and faith in Yah's Plan of Salvation authored before the foundation of the world:

Mark 16:1-8 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. 3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? 4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. 5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. 7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. 8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

As presented throughout this study, the Father's power exists before creation and was used **FOR** creation! It's for all that is in heaven and all that is on the earth. It can give strength unto <u>all</u> who are obedient.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Be obedient!

There are many miracles like this, but I just love this one granted Elijah! Praise Yah!

1 Kings 17:17-24 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's

soul come into him again. 22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

The resurrection power is given unto Elijah. He uses the power given to revive the soul of the child. Praise Yah! Amen.

Scripture to Ponder:

Acts 3:15(RSV) and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

All Scriptures KJV unless otherwise noted

A short prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Open our minds more and more, to understand your truths. Let the "resurrection power" that raised Yahshua's body from the grave raise up our spirits to live more and more in a "resurrection life" of obedience to You. In Yahshua's name we pray. Amen

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