



# Walking in the Word

## Dunamis and the Church

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#### "Biblical Remembrance" vs. "Nostalgia"

#### 1 Samuel 7:12

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

#### Jesus at the Last Supper and later repeated by Paul

"Do this in remembrance of me " (Lk 22:19, 1 Cor 11:24)

#### The Greek word "dunamis" in the Scriptures has a threefold definition:

- "supernatural spiritual ability"
- "supernatural spiritual strength"
- "supernatural spiritual authority"

#### Acts 1:8 (KJV)

"But ye shall receive power ["dunamis"], after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

#### 2 Corinthians 12:8 (NIV) "

But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power (dunamis) is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

#### 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power (dunamis), love and self-discipline."

#### 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

"His divine power (dunamis) has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

#### 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 (NIV)

"....because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power (dunamis), with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit."

#### Ephesians 3:20,21 (NIV)

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power (dunamis) that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

#### Psalms 71:18 (NIV)

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come."