

SERIES: HOW PEOPLE CHANGE

JESUS EMPOWERS GROWTH

2 Peter 1:3

. . . as His **divine power** [referring back to Jesus in vs 2] has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the **knowledge** of Him who **called** us by glory and virtue, . . .

The power of Jesus is available for **everyone** who repents and believes in the risen savior, Jesus Christ. [2 Peter 1:1](#)

The word "**obtained**" in verse 1 of NKJV means there is an allotment of something, and in this case it is an allotment of faith that is available to everyone. [Acts 1:15-17](#)

Why did Judas **reject** the allotted part that God gave to him?
[John 6:64-65](#) [John 12:4-6](#) [John 17:12](#)

Jesus explains that the Father makes **available** for all to come to Him when they believe the words of His prophets.
[John 5:44-47](#)

Repentance of sin and faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross and confessing Him as your Lord and Savior produces the same effect of salvation in every person; you are **justified** in the sight of God. (**Acts 13:38-39**)

What does a religious person look like who **professes** faith in Christ but does not have His resurrection power?

Short answer: **Judas/Cain**

[Hebrews 10:38-39](#) [2 Peter 2:21,22](#)

A religious person draws back from trying to live by faith to going back to living by the **desires of the flesh** that leads ultimately to the destruction of God's judgment.

[Hebrews 11:1-4](#); [Genesis 4:6-7](#)

What does a **true Christian** look like who is trusting Jesus to empower him/her to live righteously? [1 John 5:4-5](#); [1 John 2:16](#)

What does it look like to have faith in Jesus in order to have His power to **overcome** the lust of the flesh/eyes and pride on a daily basis? [2 Peter 1:2](#)

How is grace **multiplied** to us so that we live with the power of Jesus active in our lives? [1 Peter 5:5-6](#); [James 4:1-6](#)

How can a Christian live and walk humbly so as to receive **grace** and therefore have **peace** with God and others?
[Matthew 18:1-4](#); [Philippians 2:1-8](#); [4:12](#)

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