

Share how these 3 points apply in your life. How can you improve on the points that you need help with?

2. "To be another Christ is greatness," our Servant General writes. When was the last time you became Christ to another person? How can we become more like Jesus to the people we interact with?
3. Our Servant General further writes, "we who are human can become divine. We who are weak can have authority over principalities and powers." Do you believe that you have this authority? What principalities and powers you have in your life that you want to have power over with?

GO FORTH

The household servant ends the meeting with a prayer ending with everyone reciting the Prayer to Take Authority:

In the name of Jesus, I take authority and I bind all powers and forces in the air, in the ground, in the water, in the underground, in the netherworld, in nature, and in fire. You are the Lord of the entire universe and I give you glory for your creation. In your name, Lord Jesus, I bind all the demonic forces that have come against us and our families and I seal all of us in the protection of your precious blood that was shed for us on the cross.

Mary, our Mother, we seek your protection and intercession with the Sacred Heart of Jesus for us and our families and surround us with your mantle of love to discourage the enemy.

Saint Michael and our guardian angels, come defend us and our families in the battle against all the evil ones that roam the earth.

In the name of Jesus, I bind and command all powers and forces of evil to depart right now away from us, from our homes, and our lands.

And we thank you, Lord Jesus, for you are a faithful and compassionate God. Amen. (From Catholic Handbook of Deliverance Prayers by Fr. Jose Francisco C. Syquia)

DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

Greatness in Who We are and What We Do

FROM THE SERVANT GENERAL OUR THEME FOR 2018 (Part 4)



GRAB

If you will be given a chance to choose one super power, what would it be? (In this household topic, we will realize that as people ***Destined for Greatness***, we have power and authority.)

GRACE

Read: Colossians 2:6-15, Psalm 145:1-11 and Luke 6:12-19

We know this reality about God: “Great is the Lord and worthy of much praise, whose grandeur is beyond understanding.” (Ps 145:3). David speaks of God’s mighty works, His majestic glory, His wonderful deeds, His awesome acts, His great deeds, His abounding goodness, His abounding in mercy, His glorious reign, His mighty works (Ps 145:4-8,11). God is great indeed.

Now God’s people are also called to do great works, to perform signs and wonders in the power of the Spirit. Jesus started with a core group, when “he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles” (Lk 6:13). Knowing what he intended his people to do after he returned to heaven, Jesus taught them and formed them, preparing them to do what he would do. Many who came to Jesus were “healed of their diseases; and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured.” (Lk 6:18). Later the apostles too would heal and drive out demons. The apostles, ultimately to minister in the name of Jesus, were destined for greatness and manifested such in their work.

We too as God’s people and God’s instruments are destined for greatness, but how does that happen? We must strive to be holy as God is holy, to be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect. To be holy is to be set apart, to be not of the world. “See to it that no one captivate you with an empty, seductive philosophy according to human tradition, according to the elemental powers of the world and not according to Christ.” (Col 2:8).

We have received Christ as Savior and Lord, we have turned to faith in Jesus, but we need to move on from there. There is more. “So, as

you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” (Col 2:6-7). How then are we to be holy?

First, we are to walk in Christ. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We are his disciples. We are to obey his commands. We are not to stray from the straight and narrow path.

Second, we are to be rooted in Christ. His ways are to be our ways. We are to put on the mind of the Master. Everything that we are, everything that we say or do, are to be in accordance with the will of Jesus.

Third, we are to be built upon Christ. Jesus is the Rock upon which our lives are founded. We rely on nothing but our Lord. We fully trust in him. We look to him for everything that we need in life. Jesus gives us a future full of hope.

To be another Christ is greatness. “For in him dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily, and you share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power.” (Col 2:9-10). Is that not amazing? We who are human can become divine. We who are weak can have authority over principalities and powers. Such is what God intends for us to be, and what God intends for us to do.

As such are we destined for greatness.

GATHER

For the household discussion, answer the following questions:

1. Our Servant General stated that for us to be destined for greatness, “we must strive to be holy as God is holy, to be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect.” He gives 3 points on how we are to do this:
 - We are to walk in Christ
 - We are to be rooted in Christ
 - We are to be built upon Christ