



TTWM Selah

*“And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty **power** (kratos).”*

When one nation conquers another in war there are various phases of engagement until dominion is complete. The victory may begin with “shock and awe” displays of **explosive power** that subdue the enemy. High-tech weaponry may be directed at selective targets with pinpoint accuracy and controlled **energy**. Superior **strength** breaks down fortifications and flushes out the enemy.

Finally, the conquering army goes throughout the territory, city by city, village by village, to restore order and to establish a new government. When the new government is established, **dominion** is assured.

It was with this understanding that Paul prayed for the church at Ephesus and at Colosse. He wanted them to know that the power of Christ’s resurrection had delivered them from the dominion of darkness. They were transferred to the Kingdom of God’s Beloved Son. (Colossians 1:13)

When we declare Christ Lord, the power of His Kingdom now governs our lives and gives us dominion over Satan and self.

I find this is a daily choice, so I begin many of my days asking Christ to fill me with His Spirit. I then ask the Holy Spirit to “establish the government of Jesus Christ in my heart today.” As I am governed by the Holy Spirit, it will be evident in the fruit of self-control, or self government.

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Prayer:

Father, thank You for the power of the resurrection to free us from the dominion of sin and to place us in the Kingdom of Your dear Son. Establish the government of Christ in my life today. For those throughout our region who struggle under the domination of habits, addictions, and the emptiness of serving self, send messengers to them today with the good news of Your Kingdom. Amen