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I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead . . .
Ephesians 1:19-20 (New Living Translation)

Hyperballóntōs = “exceedingly” or “immeasurably”

Mégethos = “greatness”

The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is available for the day-to-day challenges of people who trust in God.

What doors does God's power open in our lives?

- THE DOOR OF IDENTITY

- Each person is loved by God.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.
1 John 4:16 (New International Version)

- Each person is important to God.

He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10b (NLT)

Dear friends, now we are children of God, . . . 1 John 3:2a (NIV)

- THE DOOR OF FORGIVENESS

See Matthew 5:43-44 and Matthew 18:21-33.

- THE DOOR OF LIBERATION

See Galatians 5:6 and Romans 6.

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵²It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. ⁵⁴Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 (NLT)

- THE DOOR OF REDEMPTION

Redemption = the forgiveness of sin

See Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14.

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved . . .
John 10:9 (English Standard Version)

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation . . .
2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

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