

“Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Heb 13:20-21)

A brother shared this verse recently and I was encouraged by the important emphasis that this verse puts on how we are *enabled* to live for and fulfill God's purposes for our lives:

"Now may THE GOD of peace ... equip you" ...

"WORKING in us"....

"THROUGH Jesus Christ."

I was blessed by seeing that the life which we are called to in Christ is going to be a reality *only* through the One who called us according to His purpose. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord." (Zec 4:6)

As I read this verse I also noticed that it seems to put emphasis on the full trinity as the source of the fruitful and pleasing life God desires for us:

The Father... "the God of peace"

The in-dwelling Holy Spirit... "Working in us"

The Son... "through Jesus Christ"

Two further testimonies of where the power comes from to experience the abundant life available to us in Christ are in the books of Philippians and first Peter:

"For it is GOD who is at work IN YOU, both *to will* and *to work* for His good pleasure." (Phil 2:13)

“... the GOD of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will HIMSELF perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” (1 Pet 5:11)

May these reminders encourage us to seek to "BE still" and know that HE *is* God and that through faith and rest in Him we can SEE the salvation of our God in our lives.