

L48 | Ephesians | "Far Above All" | Eph. 1:15-23

I. Intro/Review:

1. God's good pleasure is His purpose He purposed in Christ

1.1 - His purpose in Christ was chosen and predestinated in Christ.

1.2 - Thus the fulness of this purpose is the hope of His calling.

1.2.1 - His calling provided by redemption, called by the gospel of our salvation, unto the divine family, divine government, and eternal bliss.

1.3 - Such a hope isn't simply what we will have with Him, but the riches of it is what He will be in us. Christ in us will redound to the riches of His glory of His inheritance.

2. Plans and purposes are nothing without power and He not only has enough, but it is toward-us.

2.1 - He has mighty power

2.2 - He works His mighty power

2.3 - He wrought His mighty power when He

1. Raised Christ from the dead

2. Set Him at His own right hand

3. Put all things under His feet

4. Gave Him to be head over all things to the church

2.4 - This mighty power which He wrought in Christ is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe.

2.4.1 - who not only have believed, but also

2.4.2 - to us who continue to believe

II. Preview:

1. Power

1.1 - Implications of resurrection

1.2 - Implications of exaltation

2. Christ Set

2.1 - At His own right hand

2.2 - Far above all

III. Sermon:

1. Power (1 Cor. 4:20 - "for the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.")

1.1 - Implications of resurrection

1.1.1 - power over death - giver of life

- Rom. 5:18-21
- 1 Cor. 15:54-57
- Heb. 2:1-16
 - :14-15 - "...He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy Him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

1.1.2 - one man - commencement of that predestinated

- Rom. 5:11ff
- 1 Cor. 15:21-22, 45-50

1.2 - Implications of exaltation

1.2.1 - flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, but what about the existing creatures that are not flesh and blood

1.2.2 - Christ's exaltation of the heavenly is of course over that which is earthy

- King of kings and Lord of lords

1.2.3 - Yet, what about the angels, the principalities and powers in heavenly places

- Acts 2:33-34, 5:31
- Rom. 8:34-39
- Eph. 1:20-23, 4:8-10 (Isa. 61:1-3 - Luk. 4:14-29 (Gal. 2:15-18), 6:10-17
- Col. 1:13-20
- Heb. 2:5-17 (Ps. 8:1ff; 16:8-11; 89:27; 110:1, 5
- Heb. 8:1, 10:12-13, 12:1-2
- 1 Pet. 3:22

- The means which He can judge all things both on earth and in heaven

IV. Conclusion: