

L46 | Ephesians | "The Exceeding Greatness of His Power" | Eph. 1:15-23

I. Intro/Review:

1. The Hope of His Calling

1.1 - Good Pleasure (Joy) - in Christ

1.2 - Divine Family (Righteousness) - by Jesus Christ

1.3 - Divine Government (Peace) - in Christ

2. The Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance in the Saints

2.1 - His Inheritance is that which He will receive through the mediatorial work of His Son of which the Cross is part of

2.2 - He will have the good pleasure of His will, His whole family, and liberated government, but the riches of the glory of this inheritance in the saints is deeper still - it is Christ in those saints. The godliness of God in the saints, holy and without blame before Him in love.

II. Preview:

1. The Exceeding Greatness of His Power

1.1 - to us-ward who believe

1.2 - according to the working of His mighty power

1.2.1 - wrought in Christ

1. When raised from the dead, and

2. Set Him at His own right hand, and

2.1 - in heavenly places

2.1.1 - far above all

- Principality
- Power
- Might
- Dominion
- Every name that is named

2.1.2 - in this world

2.1.3 - in that which is to come

3. Hath put all things under His feet, and

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

4.1 - which is His body

4.1.1 - the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

III. Sermon:

**{Eph 1:19} And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,
according to the working of his mighty power,**

1. To know the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe is to first know the working of His mighty power.
2. To know the working of His mighty power is to know what He wrought in Christ.
3. He wrought in Christ His mighty power when

3.1 - He raised Him from the dead, and

3.2 - Set Him at His own right hand, and

3.3 - Hath put all things under His feet, and

3.4 - Gave Him to be the head over all things to the church

4. To know the exceeding the greatness of His power to you is to know that which the Father wrought in Christ with its height, depth, length, and breadth.

4.1 - Height - Set far above

4.2 - Depth - From the dead

4.3 - Length - this world and the world to come

4.4 - Breadth - Fulness, all, filleth

5. "exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe"

5.1 - "exceeding"

5.1.1 - Used 5x | "huperballo" - to throw beyond the usual mark; supereminent

1. 2 Cor. 3:10 - exceeding and excelling glory

2. 2 Cor. 9:14 {Eph. 2:17} - exceeding grace

3. Eph. 1:19 - exceeding power

4. Eph. 3:19 - exceeding knowledge

5.2 - "greatness"

5.2.1 - Used 1x | "megethos" - magnitude

5.2.2 - The one time the greatness of His power is used it is qualified as "exceeding"

5.2.3 - His great power exceeds all other forms and degrees of power in this world, as well as, His previously manifested power:

1. Power over devils

2. Power to heal

3. Power to cast into hell

4. Power to forgive

5. Power of God unto salvation

6. Red sea

5.3 - "of His power to us-ward who believe"

5.3.1 - Hints of this power

1. Rom. 1:4 - "declared to be the Son of God with power...by the resurrection from the dead"
2. 1 Cor. 4:20 - "kingdom of God is not in word, but in power"
3. 1 Cor. 6:14 - "will also raise up us by His own power"
4. 1 Cor. 15:43 - "sown in weakness; raised in power"

5.3.2 - Paul labored according to this working

1. Col. 1:29 - "which worketh in my mightily"

5.3.3 - His power, His work, His working

1. Eph. 1:11
 - Zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this
 - Luke 1 - performance/the performing of these things
2. Eph. 2:10 - we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them"
3. Php. 1:3-7 - hath begun a good work in you will perform it
4. Php. 2:12-13 - for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

5.3.4 - What is it that He is working?

1. Eph. 1:9 - His will counseled before the world began, purposed in Himself, that is, Christ
2. Eph. 1:10
 - In the dispensation of the fulness of times - still working it out
 - Gather together all things in Christ
 - Thus, redemption is the beginning of His work to bring His work to what it was predestined to or its expected end
 - "Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will"
 - Rom. 8 - He called, He justified, He glorified
3. He has given it all to Christ, therefore all this is in Christ

{Eph 1:20} Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

{Eph 1:21} Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

{Eph 1:22} And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

{Eph 1:23} Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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IV. Conclusion: