

The Heart of God for the Church...2.0

Ephesians

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So this is who we are...Church

- Chosen, adopted, made new, and accepted through the work of Jesus.
- Receive His forgiveness, wisdom, direction, and purpose by His Grace.
- Carriers of His authority by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Ephesians 1:15-17

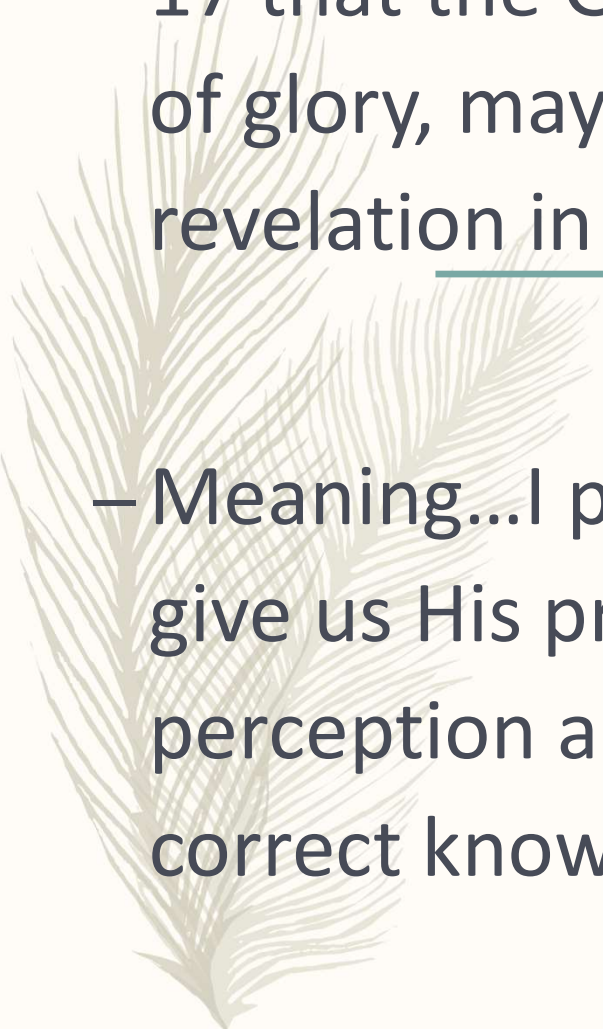
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spirit of wisdom and revelation

- ‘wisdom’ is defined here as the practical, workable principles
- ‘revelation’ is defined as the clear perception and applicable understanding
- ‘knowledge’ of Him is defined as the clear perception and applicable understanding; God’s point of view



– 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

– Meaning...I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ would give us His practical, working principles, His clear perception and understanding, and precise and correct knowledge of Him.



Ephesians 1:17-18

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¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding^[c] being enlightened;



eyes of your understanding

- literally means that your heart may receive the brightness of hope resulting when the wealth of God's investment in you is understood

– 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

– Meaning...I pray that our hearts would receive the brightness of His hope from knowing, really knowing the immeasurable wealth of God's investment in us, that us would understand that investment in us.



Ephesians 1:18

**¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being
enlightened;
that you may know what is the hope of His calling,**



His calling

- being who God created you to be
- sharing the love of Christ with others
- calling is Kingdom Living



– that you may know what is the hope of His calling,

– Meaning...I pray that we would daily walk out our calling of Kingdom Living, partnering with the love of Christ.



Ephesians 1:18

**that you may know what is the hope of His calling,
what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance
in the saints,**



His inheritance in the saints

- The Message Translation
- “grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers”

– what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance
in the saints


– Meaning...I pray we would receive and experience
His inheritance through the lives of the people
around me.



Ephesians 1:18-19

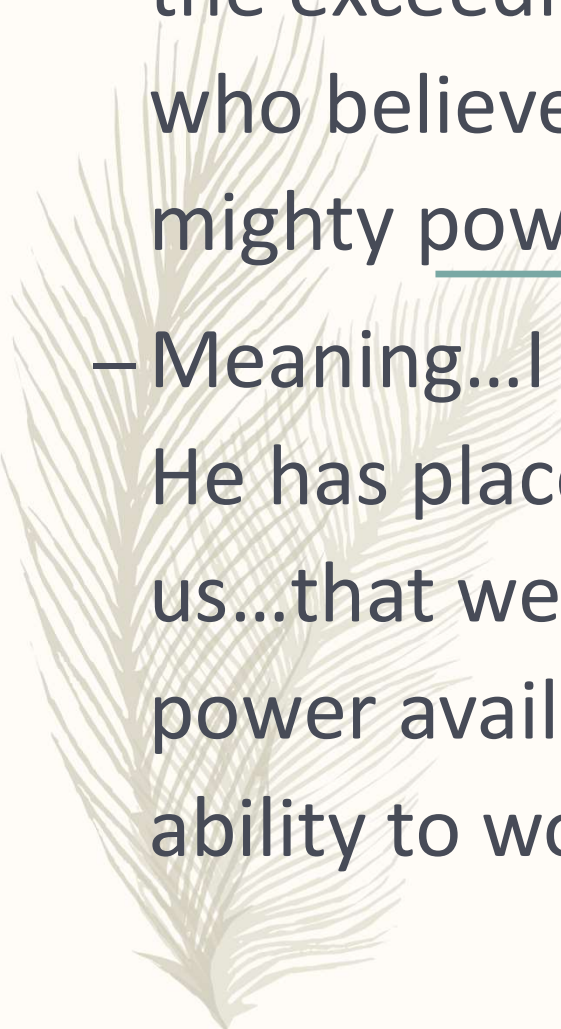
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**¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His
power toward us who believe, according to the
working of His mighty power**



greatness of His power
working of His mighty power

- Dynamis – strength, power, ability, inherent
- Kratos – manifest power; power in use
- God’s power available to us in our lives
- His powerful ability to work out His power in our lives




– the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

– Meaning...I pray that we would steward His power He has placed in us, as we exercise His power in us...that we would know experientially ... God's power available to us in our lives, and His powerful ability to work out His power in our lives.



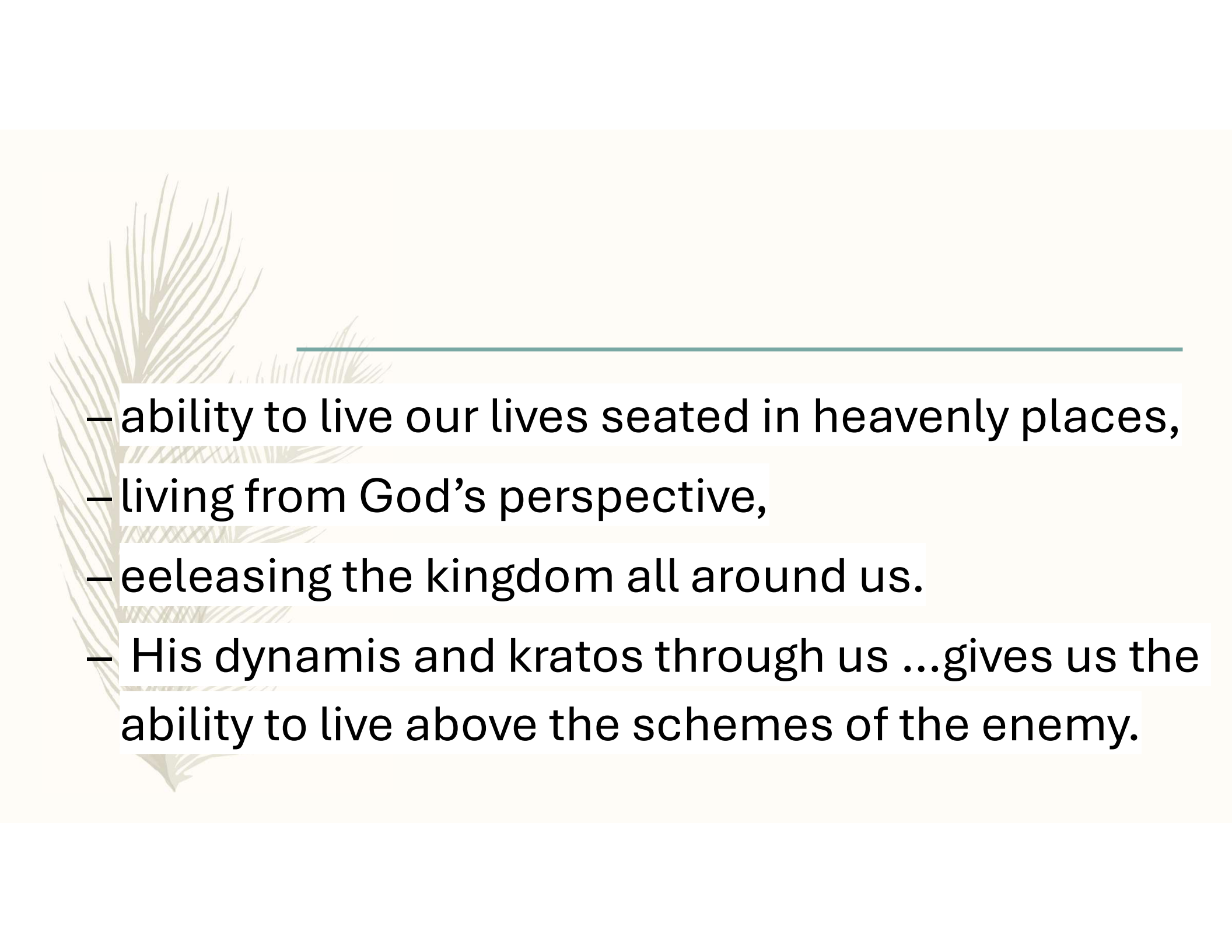
Ephesians 1:20

- **which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,**²¹ **far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.**



raised Him, seated *Him* ,
far above

- raised Him from the dead
- seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*
- far above all principality and power and might and dominion

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- ability to live our lives seated in heavenly places,
 - living from God’s perspective,
 - releasing the kingdom all around us.
 - His dynamis and kratos through us ...gives us the ability to live above the schemes of the enemy.



Ephesians 1:20-23

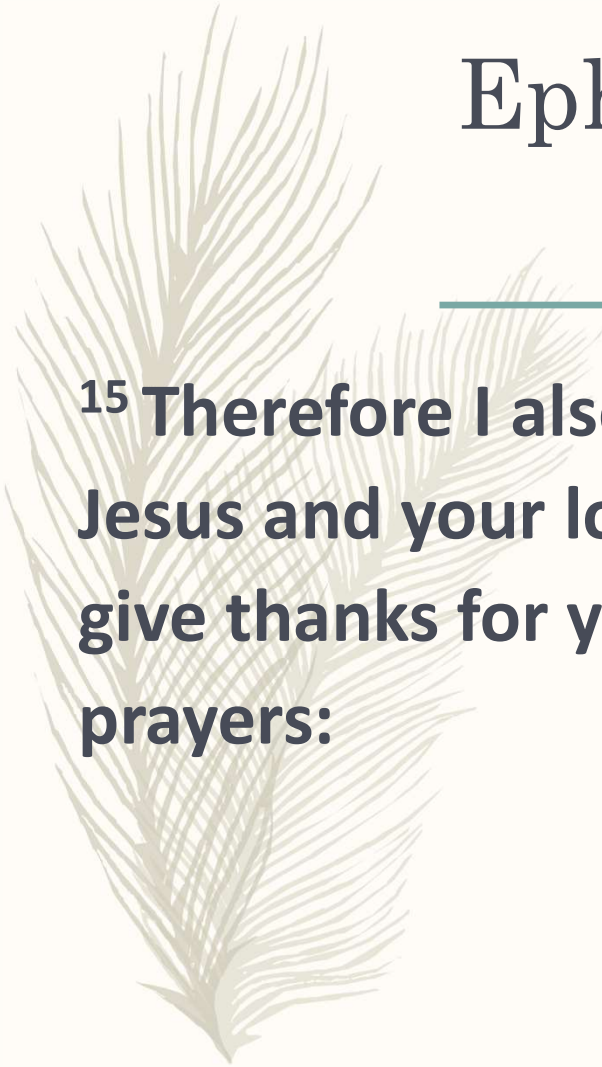
²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.



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- The fullness of Him who fills all in all
 - Individuals filled with presence, power, activity, riches of God
 - Individual infilling makes the broader body of Christ

Ephesians 1:15-16

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Ephesians 1:20-21

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Ephesians 1:20-23

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