



The Fullness of Him

Ephesians 1:18-23

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

1. THE _____ OF CHRIST

1) “[P]ower.” is the word we get from and is used over 100 times in the (*Dunamis*) New Testament. It indicates dynamite raw power or strength.

2) “(W)orking.” *Energeia*, from which we derive our word means “inworking” and suggests the inward propulsion of power.

3) energy, “[M]ighty” (*Kratos*) means “ability to conquer,” as when Caesar conquered Cleopatra. Autocrat comes from this word.

4) “[S]trength” (*Ischus*) refers to physical force. These graphic synonyms in the Pauline bouquet depict the awesome extent of God’s power.

a. S _____ power.
(Romans 1:16)

b. S _____ power.
(Ephesians 3:20, Romans 6:3, 4; Philippians 3:10)

2. THE _____ OF CHRIST (Acts 1:8, Revelation 12:1-6, Hebrews 1:13, 1 Timothy 3:16)



The Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ does at least five things:

- 1) It completes the _____.
- 2) He became the _____ of his people.
(1 Corinthians 15:15, 20, 23; Colossians 1:15, 18)
- 3) Jesus ascended to begin his ministry of _____.
(Hebrews 4:15; Romans 8:34)
- 4) He is _____ of the Holy Spirit.
(John 14-16; Acts 2)
- 5) He is _____ above everything!
(Ephesians 1:21, John 17:24, Romans 8:18-30)

“Above all that anywhere is, anywhere can be - above all grades of dignity, real or imagined, good or evil, present or to come - the mighty power of God has exalted and enthroned the Christ.” - Armitage Robinson

3. THE _____ OF CHRIST
(Colossians 1: 15-18)

- a. Humans were made to have _____ over the earth
(Psalm 8:3-9)
- b. Humans _____, except for one, and that was the last Adam, Jesus.

4. THE _____ FOR THE CHURCH

- a. We are the _____ - which complements the Head.
- b. We are “the fullness of him who fills _____ in every way.”



GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Start It Out

Have you ever had God to answer your prayers? Share any experience you have with the group. How did you feel? How did you know?

Talk It Out

1. What does your prayer life look week to week, day to day?
2. Read together Ephesians 1:18-23. Discuss Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus. What stands out to you about how he prayed, and what he prayed for? What do you learn from, or how are you challenged by, Paul's prayer life?
3. How powerful do you think prayer is? How powerful do you think your prayers are? Can these two questions have different answers?
4. What specific areas of your life need an increase of prayer? How could God change that circumstance with prayer?
5. We're all called to pray—together. What can this group do together to grow and encourage each other in being prayer warriors?

Live It Out

Take time this week and ask God some of the following questions. After you do, be quiet and listen for God's answers. Questions: How much do you love me? What should I change? Who would you have me serve and love? Who would you have me tell about my faith in you?