
Thursday, April 30, 2020 ▫ Read Ephesians 1:20–23

Questions from the Scripture text: In Whom did God's mighty power work (v20)? When? At what did He seat Him? In which places? Far above what for things (v21)? And above which names? At what times? What has God put where (v22a)? As what did He give Christ, and to whom (v22b)? What two things does v23 call the church? What does v23 call Him?

What is the exceeding greatness of God's power toward us (v19)? The same power by which He raised Christ from the dead. And, greater still—the power by which He seated Christ at His right hand in the heavenly places. This power did not merely restore life to a body and raise it from the grave. It raised this body and transported it through the heavens to the very throne of glory!

How far? Above all principality and power and might and dominion. Above the vast angel armies, above the most blazing of the seraphim, the most powerful of the cherubim, the highest of the arch angels. Above the living creatures and the whole holy host.

And the power that seated Christ there is the power that works in Ephesian believers. And American believers. Whom the Lord has joined to Jesus by faith.

It's astonishing and humbling. Jesus is Head over all things, but the Lord has given Him as Head to the church. All things are under His feet, but we ourselves are His body. His beloved bride, as chapter 5 will teach. Hallelujah!

In His role as our Mediator, God has granted that Christ would be completed by His bride. Not that there is anything lacking in Him, but that He has chosen to take us as His very own body, of His flesh and of His bone. By reminding us that Jesus "fills all in all" (v23), the Scripture reminds us that it would be a great blasphemy if we were the ones who claimed to be the "fullness of Him."

But we are not the ones who claim it. God is the One who declares it. God is the One who designed it. God is the One who did it. How great is His love toward us, and How great is that power by which His love has decided to work in us!

For what part of your sanctification do you most need reminded of God's powerful work in you?

Suggested songs: ARP8 "Lord, Our Lord" or TPH29A "Now unto the Lord, All You Sons of the Mighty"
