

EPHESIANS 1:17-23

LESSON 07

His Mighty Power

1. Ephesians 1:17-19 – That We May See

- a. *“eyes of your understanding”* – comprehend, light to your eyes, illumination
 - i. To know God is the highest knowledge possible – Col 2:3
 - ii. The knowledge has *“shined in our hearts”* – 2 Tim 1:10, 2 Cor 4:4-6
- b. *“that ye may know”* – three things that we are to set our affections upon – Col 3:2
 - i. 1) Hope of his calling – to be his body, the church - Ep 4:1,4, Col 3:15
 - ii. 2) Riches of his inheritance – seated with Christ - Eph 2:6-7, 3:6-8, Rom 8:17
 - iii. 3) Exceeding greatness of his power – 2 Cor 4:7, 4:17, 12:9

2. Ephesians 1:19-20 – His Mighty Power (power)

- a. His mighty power seen (not in creation, Egypt) but in resurrection of Christ
- b. *“raised him... and set him.. and gave him...”* – raised, ascended, exalted above...
- c. *“right hand of God”* – position of blessing, authority, power, inheritance, judgment
- d. Raised according to Paul’s gospel – 2 Tim 2:8
- e. It is not only his resurrection, but yours - Ro 6:3-5, 8:11
- f. There is a power that exceeds – Rom 1:16, 2 Cor 3:10,18, Phi 1:10, 3:8-11
- g. His power in us by faith – 1Cor 2:2-5, Eph 3:16-18, 20, 6:10 – see also Rom 15:13

3. Ephesians 1:21-22 – Above All (inheritance)

- a. *“heavenly places”* – are real places you will be in – Col 1:16, 3:2, Eph 2:6, Phil 3:20
- b. He cannot sit there without being God - Col 2:9-10, Ro 14:9-10, Jo 5:22-23
- c. *“Every name that is named”* – Phil 2:9-10 – Isa 45:23-25
- d. *“the world to come”* – Has not yet come – Heb 2:5,8, 1 Cor 15:24-28

4. Ephesians 1:22-23 – The Body of Christ (calling)

- a. People love to say that the church is a “called out assembly”, true... but for what?
- b. If you miss the mystery, you miss this (e.g. Wesley, Clarke, Calvin)
- c. The church is given him to be the head over all things – Col 2:10
- d. *“which is his body”* – the ‘body of Christ’ – 1 Cor 10:16-17, 1 Cor 12:27, Eph 4:12
- e. One body with many members – Rom 12:4-5, 1 Cor 12:12
- f. How do we get in it? – 1 Cor 12:13 and Eph 1:13 (Rom 6:3-5)
- g. This is not Israel (nation), not made by covenant (by cross), not by law (by grace)
- h. This is the mystery of Christ! – Eph 3:6, 9-10, 16-20 This is who you are!
- i. *“fullness of him”* – A head has a body, we are identified with him
- j. *“fills all in all”* – He fills all by being in all – Christ in us (Col 1:27) and we in Christ.