

Ephesians: Unsearchable riches of Christ

Study 7: Your most important prayer (Part 2)

READ Ephesians 1:19-23 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig Baxter's [sermon](#).

Paul continues his prayer for believers, asking God specifically that they would come to experientially know "the immeasurable greatness of his power toward" them (v. 19). To help them grasp the nature of this power toward them Paul presents God's power as displayed through the resurrection, exaltation, and dominion of Christ (vv. 20-22) over sin, death, and all authorities. This power in the believer brings glory to Christ by resisting evil forces to live a Christ-honouring life over sin and Satan.

Main lesson: God wants us to know by experience His immeasurable power that raised Christ from the dead and exalted Him over all so that we may display Him to the world

Questions:

1. Review: What kind of knowledge of God is Paul praying for believers to have (v. 17) and how might this knowledge be different from Satan's knowledge of God?
2. A. What words does Paul use in v. 19 to express the enormity of this power and what does this tell you?

B. Who is this power directed toward and in what way might this power manifest itself? Provide Scripture references if you can.
3. How does the resurrection of Christ display God's power and what did it achieve for the believer? See 1 Cor 15:54-57; Rom 6:5-14.

4. What are some evidences that you have experienced God's mighty power in salvation?
5. How would you counsel a person who was living a very worldly life, but who said, "I'm going to heaven because I believe in Jesus"? Should you give him/her assurance of salvation?
6. Which is a more certain evidence of God's saving power: Performing miracles or a godly life (see Matt. 7:21-23)?
7. Can demons plague true Christians? If so, to what extent? (Consider 2 Cor 6:15-16; 12:7-9; Col 1:13).
8. From vv. 20-22, what difference does it make for Jesus to have ascended to the Father and not just be resurrected? See John 20:17; Ps 2; 8:6.
9. How does Christ's exaltation give you confidence in living, especially with trial and hardship? How does living in the power of Christ bring glory to Christ?

STOP AND PRAY:

Glorify: Christ who wields unadulterated power over every other rule and authority

Thank: the Lord for giving you His immeasurable power to live the Christian life

Pray: that you would experientially know Christ's power in and through your life