

Ephesians

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The Exalted Christ

Ephesians 1 : 19b - 23

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Q: What is the most “powerful” thing you have ever witnessed God do?

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- Speaks of the perfection of Christ and his work.
- Speaks of the sovereign will of God being accomplished.
- Speaks of the essence of God.
- Speaks of the authority now invested in Christ. [see versus 21]

Q: How does the imagery of Christ seated next to the Father help you better understand Christ’s connection to God? Where does the imagery stop and leave questions of how Jesus and the Father are one?

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Q: What names do people in modern society “invoke” in times of trouble for help?

Q: How does having a clear understanding of Christ’s victory and authority empower you to use his name more often?

22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

Q: If God placed all things under Jesus so the church may benefit from this authority then why does it seem like the church struggles so much to be cutting edge and world changers?

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Q: In what ways does the church “complete” Christ?