

Transforming Grace  
Part 8  
**His Mighty Power**

Ephesians 1:15-23

## Introduction:

Paul's Prayer for the Ephesian Expatriates seeking to "Walk Worthy of the Calling":

**Far Greater Riches:** *Comprehending the Glory of Our Inheritance* - vv. 15-18 [Last Sunday]

**His Mighty Power:** *Experiencing the Greatness of Christ's Resurrection* - vv. 19-23 [Today]

## What Mighty Power is at Work in Us?

*The Very Power with which Jesus Christ:*

1. Defeated **Death**. v. 20 [note also Scriptures like 1 Corinthians 15:20-28]
2. Conquered All **Enemies**. v. 21 [note also Scriptures like Colossians 2:13-15]
3. Builds His **Church**. v.22-23

## This Resurrection Power Transforms Us.

*Because of the Truth of the Resurrection  $\epsilon^3$  by this same Power:*

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| 1. We are <b><u>New</u></b> . | 2 Corinthians 5:14-17      |
| 2. We have a New Mind.        | Colossians 3:1-17          |
| 3. We have a New Walk.        | Romans 6:1-11              |
| 4. We have a New Resolve.     | 2 Timothy 2:1-8            |
| 5. We have a New Courage.     | 2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 13-14 |
| 6. We have a New Destination. | 1 Peter 1:3-5              |

### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

### **2 Corinthians 5:14-17**

14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

### **Colossians 3:1-17**

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 **Therefore...** you have put off the old man...and have put on the new man...according to [His] image.

### **Romans 6:1-11**

3 Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **2 Timothy 2:1-8**

1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead like the gospel says...

### **2 Corinthians 4:7-9, 13-14**

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— ...13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, 14 knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.