



Metamorphosis – Moving in Power

Eph 1:18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe....

1. Introduction

Paul is praying for the church that they will have revelation (eyes of their heart enlightened) for two things

2. Two key revelations

Paul prays for 2 primary revelations for the Ephesians.

- a. The hope of the call (the riches of the inheritance that we have)*
- b. The power at work in us*

a. Know the hope of the call ... the riches of our inheritance (v18a)

You have been called...

- To belong to Jesus (Rom 1:6)
- Into uninterrupted intimacy with God (1 Cor 1:9, Rev 21:3)
- Into guaranteed holiness! “you **shall be** holy because I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15)
- Into one body (no such thing as solo Christianity) (Col 3:15)
- To a kingdom where there is no more death, mourning, pain, crying (Rev 21:3)
- Into eternal glory – ‘manifest presence of God’ . (1 Thes 2:12)

If you have given your life to Christ then ALL of this is yours. If you haven't then none of it is! Solution – get right with God, through Jesus!

b. The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe (v19)

- Remember Paul says he's praying for revelation of this power
- Notice the power is immeasurable
- This power is linked in to faith (to us who believe)

POINT: Activation of His unlimited power is directly linked to **revelation** and **faith**

“Whenever there is an increase of power you will always see beforehand an increase of revelation and faith.”

Remember **faith = belief + expectation** (Hebrews 11:6)

Heb 4:2 For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard **was of no value to them**, because those who **heard** did not **combine it with faith** (NIV)

Revelation truths to start to believe AND expect

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8)

“My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27)

“These signs shall follow those who believe...heal the sick, free the oppressed” (Mark 16:17)

“Whoever believes in me will do the things that I have been doing .. and even greater things” (John 14:12)

3. The power at work in Christ

v19b ...according to the working of his great might 20 that 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 rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

a. The same power that rose Christ from the dead is at work in us! (v19b)

“The defeat of my ultimate enemy makes all my other enemies seem 6 inches shorter”

Mark 9:23 And Jesus said to him, “If you can’t! **All things are possible** for one who believes.”

John 14:12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and **greater** works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

b. This power seated Christ at God's right hand in heavenly places

Right hand = ultimate authority

Heavenly places = eternal and above everything else

1 Cor 4:18 "we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

Far above every rule, power and dominion – i.e. every intelligent being in the universe, whether human, angelic or demonic

Far above does not mean 'up in the sky' – it means 'supremely superior'

Above every name that is named – now and eternally

All things under his feet = total submission and utterly helpless

c. Set Christ is the head of the Church

i.e. if they are under his feet, and we are his body, then **they are under ours!**

Matt 28:18 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."