

Ephesians 1:19-23

“And what is the exceeding (surpassing) **greatness** (the magnitude, immeasurable, and inexhaustible nature) **of his power** (God’s inherent, energetic and spiritual power) **to us-ward who believe** (who embrace Christ by faith), **according to the working of his mighty power** (according to the divine, dynamic, and eternal energy of God’s operational might or strength, which is a sufficient power that works on the inside of us, enabling us to have victory over temptations, overcome sinful habits, and which enables us to live a transformed way of life), **Which he wrought** (which God energetically displayed and made effective and operative) **in Christ, when he raised him from the dead** (the resurrection of Christ from the dead was the expression of God’s miraculous and mighty power), **and set him at his own right hand** (Christ’s ascension and a position at the Father’s right hand which is a place of privilege, power, and dominion (Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 1 Pet. 3:22) **in the heavenly places** (the heavenlies – the throne room of God – Eph. 1:3; 2:5 – the same place where God reckons His children to be as they share a spiritual union with Christ), **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion,** (all created spiritual or angelic beings in the universe – Eph. 6:12; Col. 1:16; 2:15) **and every name that is named** (all created beings no matter who they might be and what position or status they hold), **not only in this world** (the present pre-messianic age on earth as Christ sits on the heavenly throne), **but also in that which is to come** (the dispensational age of the Millennial Kingdom when Christ as the Messiah will sit on David’s throne in Jerusalem and physically rule over planet earth – 1 Cor. 15:23-28): **And hath put all things under his feet** (Christ in the heavenlies, before the Father’s throne, possessing full authority over all created beings – “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him” – 1 Pet. 3:22 and “thou has put all things in subjection under his feet” – Heb. 2:8), **and gave him to be the head over all things to the church , Which is his body** (the spiritual union of New Testament saints who are pictured as Christ’s body and having Christ as their Head – Col. 1:18, Eph.

5:13; 4:15 – a shared union of victory and authority over all spiritual forces and enemies which incredibly are also under the feet of the Church because of union with Christ!), **the fulness of him** (the Church as Christ's body in union with the Head, which can mean that Christ does all the filling from His own fullness as in Col. 2:9-10, or in some sense the Church fills up or completes Christ as the Head, when properly representing Him and bringing honor and glory to Him through *sanctified* living – in a similar way, the Church also glorifies Christ by experiencing *suffering* as Christ did while He was on earth, and in His absence the Church [God's children] continue to add to Christ's sufferings in view of their spiritual union with Him as members of His body – “and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ” - Col. 1:24) **that filleth all** (Christ lavishly fills or overflows the Church with blessings by dispensing to the Church His mighty power and all spiritual privileges from the heavenly places which is the POSITION and SOURCE of the victory and authority that we share with Christ in the throne room - Eph. 1:3) **in all**” (Christ's abiding presence in the believer while living on earth is the PRACTICE and SANCTIFICATION that we experience as the church is filled with Christ's presence and animated with His life – Col. 1:27; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17).