

SERMON OUTLINE Ephesians 1:20-23

The Greatness of God's Power is Demonstrated in Jesus Christ

The Resurrection of Christ

The Exaltation of Christ

His Exaltation Restored His Rightful Honor

His Exaltation Validated His Supreme Authority

His Exaltation Established His Dominion Over All Creation

The Headship of Christ Over the Church

His Headship is Universal

His Headship Has Been Bestowed on The Church

His Headship Involves His Union with The Church

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

Of all the ways in which God has revealed His awesome power to mankind and to His people throughout history . . . none can match what He has accomplished through Jesus Christ. It is through Christ that the all-surpassing and incomprehensible nature of God's power is demonstrated most magnificently.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. How does this truth about God help me/provide hope for me as a believer in my daily relationship with God?
3. Why is the conviction of the resurrection displaying God's power so important in the life of the believer? To the life of the church?
4. How does all that the church has been given by God, through Christ, help us to live for Him and serve Him with the greatest confidence, assurance, hope and joy?
5. How important, based on this passage, do you think the church is to God?
6. How important is the church to you? How is this seen in your life throughout the week?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

1. Consider carefully the power of God displayed through the resurrection of Christ.
2. Worship God in light of His power displayed in Jesus' resurrection. Worship in music by listening to songs speaking of his love and care for us his church. Worship in the Word by reading through the biblical passages speaking of God's power at work in and through us His people. Worship in prayer by prayerfully interacting with the texts demonstrating to us it is God's work not our own and done through His power, by His Spirit, and through His church. Worship in community by praising God with a family member or brother/sister in Christ.
3. Tell someone about Jesus' exultation and what that means for them should they receive Jesus in faith.
4. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit because of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Adoration. Praise God for being the God of all life and death. Praise God for being the God of all time and space. Praise God for being a loving God. Praise God for being all wise, powerful, good, and glorious.
2. Confession. Confess any resurrection indifference. Confess any fear that stems from unbelief. Confess any apathy toward unbelievers and their union with Christ. Confess any ways that Easter has taken the backseat to worldly pursuits.
3. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the resurrection of Jesus and through Christ displaying the power that is at work in us, His church.
4. Supplication. Pray for a specific unbeliever in your life. Pray for our church to be doers of the resurrection and not hearers only. Pray for the elders of Grace to always lead by God's strength and power and not in their own.