

DISPLAYING THE TRIUMPH OF GOD

Ephesians



THE MESSAGE OF EPHESIANS:

Displaying the Triumph of God
in Christ
through the Church
over the Cosmic Enemies

GOD'S TRIUMPH DISPLAYED...

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Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,

16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:15-23

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might*

20 which He brought about 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 every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22 And He put all things in subjection 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.

To Know God is to Understand...

1. The Hope of His Calling

Ephesians 1:3-14

Reasons to Praise the Triune God

- I. He Chose us for Holiness (4)
- II. He Predestined us to Adoption (5)
- III. He Lavished us with Grace (6)
- IV. He Redeemed us from Sin (7-8)
- V. He Unveiled to us his Will (9-10)
- VI. He Chose us as his Possession (11-12)
- VII. He Sealed us with his Spirit (13-14)

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1. The Hope of His Calling
2. The Riches of His Glorious Inheritance
3. The Surpassing Greatness of His Power
 - a) Resurrection
 - b) Exultation
 - c) Sovereignty

John Piper

“He is always infinitely admirable in everything and over everything supreme, over all galaxies and endless reaches of space, over the earth from the top of Mount Everest 29,000 feet up to the bottom of the pacific ocean, 36,000 feet down in the mariana trench in the pacific rim. he is sovereign and supreme over all plants and animals from the peaceful blue whale to the microscopic killer viruses. he is supreme over all weather and all movements of the earth, hurricanes, tornadoes, monsoons, earthquakes, avalanches, floods, snow, rain, sleet. he is supreme over all chemical processes that heal or destroy, cancer, aids, malaria, flu and all the amazing grace of antibiotics and a thousand healing drugs that we do not deserve.

John Piper

He is supreme over all countries and governments and armies. He is supreme over al Qaeda and the terrorists and the kidnappings and the suicide bombings and the beheadings. He is supreme over bin Laden and Al Zarqawi. He is supreme over all nuclear threats from Iran and Russia and North Korea. He is supreme over politics and elections and debates on Thursday. He is supreme over media and news and entertainment and sports and leisure. He is supreme over all education in universities no matter what they teach and he is supreme over all scholarship and science and research. He is supreme over all business and finance and industry and manufacturing and transportation and he is supreme over the internet and all informational systems."

Abraham Kuyper

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!”

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A Present Salvation

CREATOR AND REDEEMER GOD, AUTHOR OF ALL
EXISTENCE, SOURCE OF ALL BLESSEDNESS,

I ADORE THEE FOR MAKING ME CAPABLE OF KNOWING
THEE, FOR GIVING ME REASON AND CONSCIENCE, FOR
LEADING ME TO DESIRE THEE; PRAISE THEE

FOR THE REVELATION OF THYSELF IN THE GOSPEL,
FOR THY HEART AS A DWELLING PLACE OF PITY,
FOR THY THOUGHTS OF PEACE TOWARDS ME,
FOR THY PATIENCE AND THY GRACIOUSNESS,
FOR THE VASTNESS OF THY MERCY.

A Present Salvation

THOU HAST MOVED MY CONSCIENCE TO KNOW HOW
THE GUILTY CAN BE PARDONED, THE UNHOLY
SANCTIFIED, THE POOR ENRICHED.

MAY I BE ALWAYS AMONGST THOSE WHO NOT ONLY
HEAR BUT KNOW THEE, WHO WALK WITH AND
REJOICE IN THEE, WHO TAKE THEE AT THY WORD
AND FIND LIFE THERE.

A Present Salvation

KEEP ME ALWAYS LONGING FOR A PRESENT
SALVATION IN HOLY SPIRIT COMFORTS AND
REJOICINGS, FOR SPIRITUAL GRACES AND
BLESSINGS, FOR HELP TO VALUE MY DUTIES AS WELL
AS MY PRIVILEGES.

MAY I CHERISH SIMPLICITY AND GODLY SINCERITY
OF CHARACTER.

A Present Salvation

HELP ME TO BE IN REALITY BEFORE THEE AS IN
APPEARANCE I AM BEFORE MEN,
TO BE RELIGIOUS BEFORE I PROFESS RELIGION,
TO LEAVE THE WORLD BEFORE I ENTER THE CHURCH,
TO SET MY AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE,
TO SHUN FORBIDDEN FOLLIES AND VANITIES,
TO BE A DISPENSER AS WELL AS A PARTAKER OF
GRACE,
TO BE PREPARED TO BEAR EVIL AS WELL AS TO DO
GOOD.
O GOD, MAKE ME WORTHY OF THIS CALLING,
THAT THE NAME OF JESUS MAY BE GLORIFIED IN ME
AND I IN HIM.