

**The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:  
A Demonstration of the Unmatched Greatness of God's Power  
Ephesians 1:16-23, with a focus on vv.19-20**

*<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> 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,*

*<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph.1:16-23)*

I. Can you point to any evidence of the unmatched greatness of God's power? Can you point to evidence of God's power in action?

A. He raised Jesus from the dead.

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B. He exalted Jesus to His right hand.

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*and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, (vv. 21-22)*

“Over 2,000 years ago, we had a major world crisis going on. . . . God took something that was evil and turned it into eternal good.”

- Dabo Swinney

II. Can you point to your personal experience of the unmatched greatness of God's power? How have you experienced God's power in your life?

*<sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand (vv.19-20, NLT)*

In Ephesians 4, 5, & 6, we see some of the ways God wants to exercise His power in our lives:

1. To develop humility, gentleness, and patience (4:2).
2. To use our spiritual gifts and talents to help others and strengthen the ministry of our church (4:7-16).
3. To get rid of ungodly behaviors like sexual immorality, greed, lying, anger, rage, stealing, alcohol abuse (4:25–5:18).
4. To live godly lives in our homes and develop healthy family relationships. (5:22–6:9).
5. To resist temptation and overcome the evil power and influence of the devil and all demonic spirits (6:12).

How have you responded to God's offer of power?

1. Have you **doubted** God's willingness to work powerfully in your life?
2. Have you **denied** God's willingness to work powerfully in your life?
3. Have you **delighted** in God's willingness to work powerfully in your life?

God works His power in our lives primarily through His Word and Spirit.

1. God's Word provides us with everything we need in terms of knowing what we should believe and how we should live in order to please God.
2. God's Spirit gives us the desire and ability to obey God's Word and please God.