

The Ultimate It Factor⁵

Part 5

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Scripture Text: Ephesians 1:19-23 NKJV

VERSE 19 *and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power*

Paul wanted them to know and understand how great God's power is toward all who believe in the complete work of Christ within us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Every Spirit-filled believer should know they serve a loving God who shows His strength on behalf of His people.

1 Corinthians 1:27 AKJV 27 *but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.*

Some Christians have heard of His mighty power but have never had a personal experience that leads them from complaints to praise. God never grows weary of our praise to Him, but people can become weary of our continual praise if they have no reference to our praise.

Psalms 22:3 **David is making a powerful proclamation of God's holiness and His acceptance of His people** *by inhabiting their praises.* He dwells in our

praises of Him, and the praise from His people shifts the atmosphere. He waits for us to call on Him so that He can answer. **Psalms 50:15 ESV:** *call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.* When the strong hand of God delivers you out of all your troubles, the Holy Spirit within will magnify the Lord! God desires to release the same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead to bringing new life to every broken and imperfect person to conform them to the image of His Son.

VERSE 20, *which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

The mighty power of God, in the person of the Holy Spirit, is within each believer to have direct access to the throne room of God. It is His power that works in us to will and do of His great pleasure. Sometimes, we may be in a place, time, or season of life where we feel alone and have no connection. **For us, it is a time to hold up our hands, not our cell phones, and to align our praise heavenward.**

We are never out of God's reach to intervene in our lives because our connectivity with Jesus, who's making intercessions for us according to God's will. It is that same mighty power that raised Jesus to heaven after His resurrection. He was raised victoriously above all demonic foes and every enemy for all time. When we surrender our will to God, this same power is made available to work in every Christian's life. **1 John 4:4** *MSG My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over those false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world.*

VERSE 21 *far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ gave us access to the heavenly realms, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God the Father. When we gather in His name to worship the Lord hold heartily, it is a powerful experience that restores our souls.

There are foes and forces unseen by human eyes sent by the enemy of our souls to steal our joy, kill our hope, and destroy our future. All things are subject to Christ because He has ultimate authority. Those governments and leaders, past or present, who seem to have the power and influence to escape justice will give an account of their deeds to the Lord.

Romans 14:11-12 NKJV *11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.*

Philippians 2:10-11 NKJV *10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

VERSE 22 *And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

By the resurrected power of Christ from the grave, He was exalted above measure, and everything was placed under His authority for the benefit of the church. He has not withheld any good things concerning His bride... the church. The one **Universal Church** consists of everyone, everywhere, who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. *"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink" (1 Corinthians 12:13).*

She is Holy, beautiful, glorious, the brightest of lights, full of many colors, and powerful. Only God could take the broken, the despised, the rejected, and the neglected and bring

beauty out of the ashes of our tragic, sinful lives. The church which is His body is made full and complete by the gifts that He gave for her to holy represent Him in this world and beyond.

Applications:

We have been given access to God's heavenly resources with our connection in Christ Jesus.

As natural men, we are limited by what is seen but as we walk in the spirit heaven's resources are made available.