

**God is all powerful and He uses our lives to prove it**

Ephesians 1.16-2.10

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**Further Discussion**

1. How is God's power shown in Ephesians 1.20-1.23?
2. In Ephesians 1.20-1.23, we see Christ is exalted over all, is all powerful, and we are united with Him. How does that truth affect the way we think and act as the Church (the called out ones)?
2. We were all dead in our rebellion and sin. There is a great deception. There is a false power at work in the lives of those around us. (Ephesians 2.1-2.3). How do these truths inform the way we engage those around us?
3. How does the truth about God being "all-powerful" sound like good news to a world that thinks it is powerful? When do we need reminded of the truths regarding God being "all-powerful"? How do the truths of God's power counter the lies of false power?
4. Knowing the truths found in Ephesians 2.1-2.3 and then reading Colossians 3.1-3.10, how can you as a community group help each other not fall back into a life of "death".
5. God displays his love, mercy, and grace to the world as he gives us new life (our resurrection) (Ephesians 2.4-2.7). Why is it so critical that we know it was completely undeserved and we had no part in it except our sin? (Ephesians 2.8-2.9)
6. *"The resurrection doesn't just change our pursuits...it changes how we face the challenges of these pursuits!"* How does the truth that we have been expertly crafted by God, for good works (v10) give us confidence to join in the mission of God?
7. Are there truths here that you have found yourself not believing? As a community group, how can we live out the truths found in Ephesians 1.16-2.10 together?

**1. The Power of God** (Ephesians 1.16-1.23)

...that we would know the *"immeasurable greatness of His POWER to us who believe according to the mighty working of His strength"* (Ephesians 1.16-19)

Jesus has power over everything. He is exalted over all. (Ephesians 1.20-1.22a)

**There is no ruler, no power, nothing that Jesus does not have complete authority over.**

Jesus' authority and power is connected to the Church...God's people. (Ephesians 1.22-1.23)

**The power of God raised Christ from the dead, united us with Him, and has given us a position of incomprehensible worth.**

## 2. The Power Of Death (Ephesians 2.1-2.3)

**As we see the POWER of death in making us who we WERE, we can truly understand the POWER of God in making us who we ARE...His church...His called out ones.**

As Christ was raised from the dead and exalted so we also are in need of resurrection. (Ephesians 2.1)

We are each born dead in our sins and our rebellion. Dead men walking. We are all born with the sin virus. We were all following a false power and didn't know it. (Ephesians 2.2-2.3)

Do not fall back into a life of death. It is the antithesis of who you are. It's like the living acting as if they are the dead!

**Colossians 3:1-1.10**

The power of sin, the deception of sin...is being crushed by the One who is all powerful.

## 3. The Purpose of Resurrection

We have been called from death to life for a purpose

**God, at our conversion...took a rebel opposed to Him and gave Him life!**

We did nothing to deserve life. We actually just deserved death. (Ephesians 2.4-2.5)

We are not only saved from our sin and rebellion but we are given a place or worth in God's kingdom. (Ephesians 2.6)

God displays His undeserved kindness to a world that is in complete rebellion toward Him. (Ephesians 2.7)

God worked powerfully in our lives entirely because of His love and kindness. We did nothing to deserve it. (Ephesians 2.8-2.9)

As God's people, expertly crafted by Him, we were made to live our lives as those who have been given new life! (Ephesians 2.10)

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