Introduction

Paul’s prayer is that our eyes would be open to see how much God has given us in Christ.

Last week, Pastor Jason shared that we are:

- People of Hope
- People of Worth
- People of Power

When we feel powerless, it is good to remember who Jesus is and what he can do.

I. Jesus has power over death. Verses 19-20

What is his power like? It is incomparable.

Paul uses four Greek words to try and describe his power.

- Dunamis – dynamite, raw power.
- Energeia – energy.
- Kratos – power to conquer or overcome.
- Ischus – physical strength, like a body builder.

It is the same power God used when he raised Jesus from the dead and seated him in the heavenly places at his right hand.

Christ was raised “from the dead ones.” His resurrection is just the first fruits.

II. Jesus has power over every rule and authority. Verse 21

God exalted him to the highest place in heaven and on earth.

Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion.

To that list of words for authority, Paul adds one more word, title.

Not only is Jesus above every earthly and heavenly power, he has been given a name above every other name. Philippians 2:9-11

Whatever powers there are, Jesus is far above them all.
We can come to him at any time in prayer and know that the Lord of heaven and earth is listening.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him.” I John 5:14-15

III. Jesus has power to build his church. Verses 22-23

God placed all things under his feet.

He is Lord of all for the benefit of his church.

“In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at the present we do not see everything subject to him.” Hebrews 2:8

Jesus is head over everything, including the church, which is his body.

Paul stresses Jesus’ Lordship and his close relationship with his church. He is the one who fills us and gives us life.

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?” I Corinthians 3:16

What are the implications of Christ being the head of the church?

Conclusion

Do you know his power in your life?

Open our eyes to see Jesus.