

# Ephesians 1:19-23

1. “**Hope** to which he has called you” is not the individual “the hope of YOUR calling” but “the hope of HIS calling”. This puts you in his glorious plan of salvation in Christ. **Hope** is used to identify these parts **God’s plan** of salvation:
  - a. Salvation – 1 Thes. 5:8, “But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.”
  - b. Righteousness – Gal. 5:5, “For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.”
  - c. Physical resurrection – Phil. 3:20-21, “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” (also 1 Cor. 15:52),
  - d. Eternal life – Titus 1:2- “in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.”; Titus 3:7, “having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”
  - e. God’s glory – Romans 5:2, “through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.” Colossians 3:4 – “When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”
2. “Glorious wealth of his inheritance in the saints” – This is God’s inheritance, which is the believers in Christ. We are the glorious wealth. We are the product of his work of salvation. This is not the inheritance we will get, but the inheritance that God gets in us, the church. God highly values those who have been saved from sin, the world (*kosmos*) and the powers of Satan by his Son, Jesus Christ.
  - a. Ephesians 1:11-12, “In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.”
  - b. Colossians 1:12, “giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.”
  - c. 1 Peter 2:9-10 – “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
  - d. James 1:18 – “He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”

**Ephesians 1:19 – “and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might”**

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| kai      | ti       | to       | hyperballon | megethos  | tēs      | dynameōs | autou     | eis      | hēmas    |
| 19 και   | τί       | τὸ       | ὑπερβάλλον  | μέγεθος   | τῆς      | δυνάμεως | αὐτοῦ     | , εἰς    | ἡμᾶς     |
| and      | what     | [is] the | surpassing  | greatness | of the   | power    | of him    | toward   | us       |
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| 3588 [e] | 4100 [e]    | 2596 [e]     | 3588 [e] | 1753 [e]  | 3588 [e] | 2904 [e] | 3588 [e] | 2479 [e] | 846 [e]   |
| tous     | pisteuontas | kata         | tēn      | energeian | tou      | kratous  | tēs      | ischyos  | autou     |
| τοὺς     | πιστεύοντας | κατὰ         | τὴν      | ἐνέργειαν | τοῦ      | κράτους  | τῆς      | ἰσχύος   | αὐτοῦ     |
| those    | believing   | according to | the      | working   | of the   | might    | of the   | strength | of him    |
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Paul’s **prayer** for enlightenment includes understanding **God’s power toward us** in addition to knowing the hope and the inheritance:

- “the surpassing greatness of the power of him...according to the working of the might of the strength of him” are the strongest words available in the Greek:
  - First, four words:
    - “POWER” – *dynamis*, Philippians 3:21 describes our weak, mortal bodies being transformed in the likeness of Christ’s body in accordance with or appropriated to (*kata*) God’s power (*dynamis*).
    - “WORKING” – *energeia*, (Ephesians 3:7; 4:16; Philippians 3:21; Colossians 1:29)
    - “STRENGTH” – *kratos*, (1 Timothy 6:16; 1 Peter 4:11; 5:11; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6; 5:13)
    - “MIGHT” – *ischys*, God possesses but also makes available to us as in Ep. 6:10 and 1 Peter 4:11)
- Paul’s prayer is NOT that God makes this power available, but that believers would know and experience this power.
- Notice, it is for those who simply have believed: “...toward us those believing...”
- Also notice the change from second person “you” or “for you” the readers of Ephesians to “us” or “for US who believe” which includes the apostle Paul and the Jews, everyone who believes. Not a select few. Not those who achieve a spiritual level. But, all who believe.
- “Hyper-ballon” or “*hyper-ballo*” means “go beyond, surpass, outdo”. Also in Eph. 2:7; 3:19. This is combined with the word “greatness” or *megethos*.
  - Both of these words (*hyper-ballo* and *megethos*) appear in the magical papyri and many inscription found in Ephesus
  - Many of these believers had been converted out of the Artemis cult, Paganism with the many gods and powers and the magical arts (See Acts 19)

**Ephesians 1:20** – “that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,”

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| hēn        | enērgēken | en       | tō       | Christō  | egeiras       | auton     | ek       | nekrōn     | kai      |
| 20 ἦν      | ἐνήργηκεν | ἐν       | τῷ       | Χριστῷ , | ἐγείρας       | αὐτὸν     | ἐκ       | νεκρῶν ,   | καὶ      |
| which      | he worked | in       | -        | Christ   | having raised | him       | out from | [the] dead | and      |
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| kathisas         | en       | dexia            | autou     | en       | tois     | epouraniois     |
| καθίσας          | ἐν       | δεξιᾷ            | αὐτοῦ ,   | ἐν       | τοῖς     | ἐπουρανίοις ,   |
| having set [him] | at       | [the] right hand | of him    | in       | the      | heavenly realms |
| V-APA-NMS        | Prep     | Adj-DFS          | PPro-GM3S | Prep     | Art-DNP  | Adj-DNP         |

1. Paul now recalls a supreme example of God's power.
  - a. This power was seen in the resurrection of Jesus Christ which took Jesus from the state of a dead man to the right hand seat of God having absolute authority.
  - b. This power of raising Jesus was also the raising of all those who are in Christ. The resurrection of Jesus was a life giving experience for us also.
2. "he worked" (energeken) is from the root of where we get our word energy. God "exerted" or "worked" his mighty power. This is also seen in:
  - a. Colossians 2:12 – "having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead."
  - b. 1 Cor. 6:14 – "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also."
  - c. Romans 1:4 – "who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord."
  - d. Philippians 3:10-11 – "I want to know Christ--yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection **from the dead**." (note in the text of Ep. 1:20 the "ek vekron", or the "out from the dead" resurrection")
3. Paul builds on OT prophecy in Psalm 110:1, "he LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
  - a. "your enemies" in this verse are the spiritual forces about to be addressed by Paul.
  - b. Jesus claimed this verse for himself in front of the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:64; Mark 112:36; Luke 20:41-44) – "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." – Matthew 26:64
  - c. Jesus is seated in God's presence. Angels (spiritual powers) stand or fall in worship:
    - i. Jesus work was complete
    - ii. Jesus is equal with God
    - iii. Jesus is on the throne ruling
4. Psalm 8:6 – "You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet..."

**Ephesians 1:21 – “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.”**

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| hyperanō   | pasēs    | archēs       | kai      | exousias  | kai      | dynameōs | kai      | kyriotētos |
| 21 ὑπεράνω | πάσης    | ἀρχῆς        | , καὶ    | ἐξουσίας  | , καὶ    | δυνάμεως | , καὶ    | κυριότητος |
| above      | every    | principality | and      | authority | and      | power    | and      | dominion   |
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| 2532 [e] | 3956 [e] | 3686 [e] | 3687 [e]     | 3756 [e] | 3440 [e] | 1722 [e] | 3588 [e] | 165 [e] | 3778 [e] |
| kai      | pantos   | onomatos | onomazomenou | ou       | monon    | en       | tō       | aiōni   | toutō    |
| καὶ      | παντὸς   | ὀνόματος | ὀνομαζομένου | , οὐ     | μόνον    | ἐν       | τῷ       | αἰῶνι   | τούτῳ    |
| and      | every    | name     | being named  | not      | only     | in       | the      | age     | this     |
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| 235 [e] | 2532 [e] | 1722 [e] | 3588 [e]  | 3195 [e]  |
| alla    | kai      | en       | tō        | mellonti  |
| ἀλλὰ    | καὶ      | ἐν       | τῷ        | μέλλοντι  |
| but     | also     | in       | the [one] | coming    |
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1. Jesus is seated above his enemies...the spiritual forces of evil identified again in:
  - a. Ephesians 6:12 – “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”
  - b. Colossians 2:15-16 – “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.”
2. “Every name being named” is a phrase that indicates these powers had been given a name by someone with a higher authority and these powers had been set in place by someone with an intended purpose. That someone is God. Originally God (Jesus) created, named and set these authorizes in place.
  - a. Colossians 1:16 – “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”
  - b. Jude 1:6 – “And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling--these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.”