

# The Power and the Glory

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## Ephesians 1:18-23

What does power look like?

### 1. Partnership Power . . . . . me with the eternal 1:18-19

<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

### 2. Resurrection Power brings me . . . . . from the dead 1:19-20

<sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us...  
That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead

Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:10-11)

The only way to wear the crown of . . . . .  
is to first wear the crown of . . . . .

### 3. Ascension Power lifts me . . . . . my circumstances 1:20-21

seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

<sup>9</sup> God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven

and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)  
God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6)  
God closes doors...

### 4. Glorification Power . . . . . me in completeness 1:22-23

<sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. (Acts 1:11)

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This week I need to be praying for:

1. Why are faith, hope and love more powerful than guns and bombs?
2. We are reminded that God's power is "for us". Why do you think it is not given "to us"?
3. Why is the resurrection of Jesus such a powerful argument for Christ over the leaders of other religions?
4. Read Philippians 3:10-11. Most people want the resurrection, but few people want what goes with it. Why are those other things a) unpopular and b) necessary?
5. What would you suggest to someone who wanted to experience Ephesians 2:6?