



BEHOLD HIS GLORY

“God Is Powerful”

Ephesians 1:15-23

This week, we will focus on the theme of God’s power. In Ephesians 1:15-23, the apostle Paul prays that his friends in Ephesus will grasp, at a deep level, the “incomparably great power” of God.

Paul piles up words to make sure we get the idea of God’s power. For Paul, God is not just powerful; he is *greatly* powerful (vs. 19). And he is not just greatly powerful; he is *immeasurably* greatly powerful!

It’s one thing to know that God is powerful. It’s another thing to live in the moment in light of his incomparably great power. May we at UPC lean on God’s omnipotence, that we might live with more confident boldness for his glory.



KNOWING GOD

Read Ephesians 1:15-23. What did the apostle Paul know about God that encouraged him to pray boldly for the Christians in Ephesus?

For Paul, what was the supreme proof of God's power?

What things does Paul say are under Christ's feet? Are there any exceptions?



GROWING TOGETHER

What do you worry about, and why?

What would change if you really believed and did not doubt that God is sovereign and omnipotent?

In one of his hymns, John Newton wrote:

*Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much;
None can ever ask too much.*

Do you pray with “large petitions,” or are you reluctant to ask God for big things?



SERVING OTHERS

As Paul shows us in this passage, you can serve others by praying for them. Stop right now and pray for someone in your Life Group, family, school, or workplace who needs a touch of God’s grace.

Paul prays that we might know the hope to which God has called us (vs. 18). What can you do this week to bring hope into a hopeless situation?



IN YOUR FAMILY...

- a) Discuss: Does God always answer prayer?
- b) Talk about places you have visited as a family where God’s power was on display. How can those experiences of God’s power help you with today’s challenges?

SERMON NOTES