

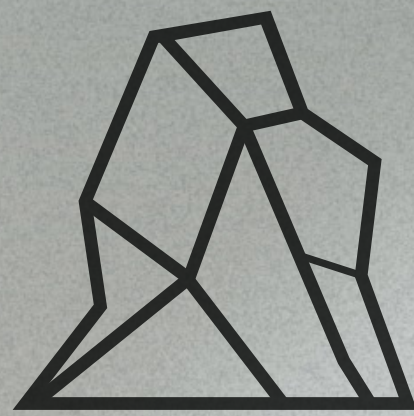


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PART 2

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TODAY'S MESSAGE | OCTOBER 17, 2021

Three Precious Truths Every Christian Should Know (Part 2)

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How differently will you think or live today if you believed with all your heart that God would never fail you? That He has given you everything you need to live a life that pleases God?

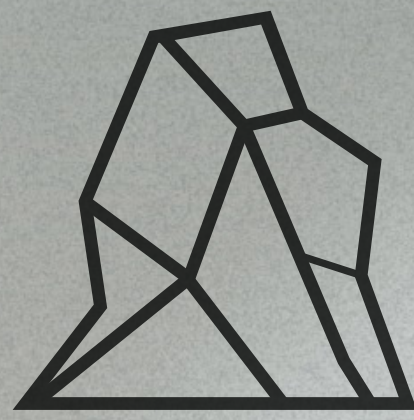
In this second part of a message based on Paul's prayer for people he loved, we look at Paul's desire for them to realize that "In Christ, God has granted us immeasurable Power." So, what are the implications of the limitless power and authority of Jesus Christ over all things in heaven and earth?

1. **CHRIST'S MATCHLESS POWER (Ephesians 1:19-20) – God's power means He cannot and will not ever fail you**

- The **Essence** of Jesus' Infinite Power: Paul struggled for words and combined four Greek synonyms ("power", "working", "great" and "might") yet barely captured the magnitude of the might of Jesus.
- The **Effect** of Jesus' Infinite Power: We often underestimate Christ's power by simple ignorance. God's power didn't just raise Jesus from the dead; it raised Him all the way back to His throne in heaven where He sits in the seat of power.

God's power doesn't spare us from difficulty, danger, or death; but makes us more than conquerors in these situations (Romans 8:31-39). This is the power to live in an evil world. This is the power to have a God-pleasing life; to find genuine joy today as a foretaste of heaven forever. So, rather than ask God for power, we need faith to believe in His power within, and the faithfulness to use it. God cannot and will not ever fail you.





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2. CHRIST'S MAJESTIC POSITION (Ephesians 1:21-23) – God's power means He cannot and will not ever fail His Church

- The **Scope** of Jesus' Authority: Christ's power puts Him above all angelic ranks, above all personalities, across all of history.
- The **Significance** of Jesus' Authority: Christ is Lord over all creation and Head of the Church, which He fills with all blessings.

This is what Jesus meant when He said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" (Matthew 28:18). All the power that the church needs to fulfill its mission is in Christ. All the power that the church needs to thrive in the worst conditions is all in Christ. God cannot and will not ever fail His Church.

FINAL THOUGHTS

May I ask you again: How differently will you think or live today, if you really believed with all your heart that God would never fail you? God will only allow what is good in His sight (Romans 8:28) to happen to you, whether it's obviously good, possibly good, or seemingly bad. It's the same with His church. Whether for you as an individual or for a local congregation that stays faithful to His will, God cannot and will not ever fail. God is too powerful to fail!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What practical difference would it make if we fully comprehend the power of God within us as believers?
2. What does Ephesians 1:15-23 say about the exaltation of Jesus? How might living with this awareness change a believer's life in a positive way?
3. What does "good" really mean in Romans 8:28? Why is it dangerous to force our own definition of what is "good" on this famous verse?
4. As you close in prayer, if you know of any fellow believer who needs a deeper sense of God's power at work in and through them, use this opportunity to lift them up to the Lord.

Download the study guide: bit.ly/EphesiansStudyGuides



The Shepherd's Voice

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EVANGELISM TRAINING: OIKOS APPLIED

In line with our Ephesians Series: *Built on Biblical Bedrock* and as a follow-up to the theme of our Missions Month this year *#LivingMissionaly: Listening to God's Voice*, we now call on GCFers to participate in God's mission by taking to heart the words of the apostle Paul in Colossians 1:20 on how God yearns to reconcile all things through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
(Colossians 1:20 ESV)

May the Lord Jesus Christ then find us faithful in living out and obeying His command to the church today to make disciples of Christ by being obedient and compassionate laborers for the plentiful harvest. As Christ himself said in Matthew 9:36-38:

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
(Matthew 9:36-38 ESV)

So now I invite you to join us every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month via Zoom beginning today, October 17, as we commit to be trained to share and demonstrate the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to our "oikos" – our loved ones, relatives, friends, classmates, colleagues, and next door neighbors.

Oikos Applied

Learn How to
Share the Gospel

Starting October 17
Sunday • 1:30 PM • VIA ZOOM

Scheduled every 1st and 3rd Sunday
of the month

Open to all GCFers • Pre-registration Required:

Visit bit.ly/OikosApplied

We'll have discussion groups for brainstorming and prayer and we'll learn tools on how to initiate spiritual conversations with genuine compassion towards our neighbors as exemplified by Christ.

Join and bring along your Growth Group, family, and friends so that we can all embrace and live out the call as a church family to make disciples of Christ in the Philippines and beyond.

Register now by visiting this link: bit.ly/OikosApplied

Spread the word as we all commit to share The Word to the world!

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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Send a copy of your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

GCF BAYANIHAN FOOD STALLS

The GCF Mercy Ministry continues to accept donations, here's how:

For In-Kind Donations: drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For Cash Donations: give via the GCF bank accounts (gcf.org.ph/give).

Email your deposit slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject "For Bayanihan Food Stall". For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate "**For COVID-19 Fund**" when you email your transaction document.

CHURCH UPDATES



NO ON-SITE CONGREGATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 5:00 p.m. service only until further notice

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays | Little Ones - 10:00 a.m. • Growing Kids - 10:15 a.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

LIVEstream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

YA TALKS

Fridays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn

GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto | Zoom: bit.ly/FamilyGGEx

Passcode: familyGGEx | For Inquiries, contact Marj at 0917-779-1549

TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For appointments or questions, contact:

gcfcstef@gmail.com (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 nn) | gcfccluan@gmail.com (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

DMG 2 PRAYER GATHERING

Calling all KidsLIFE, YouthLIVE, and YA people! Let's get together!

October 16 (Saturday) | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom | bit.ly/dmg2gathering | ID: 880 9191 1953

Passcode: nextgen | For Inquiries, contact Didi at 0917 532 7741

OIKOS APPLIED: LEARN HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

Starting October 17 (Sunday) | 1:30 PM via Zoom | Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

Open to all GCFers | Pre-registration Required: Visit bit.ly/OikosApplied

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS: ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Starting October 24 (Sunday) | 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Pre-registration Required: Ms. Marj: 0917 779 1549 Ms. Jen: 0917 773 2378

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:

Facebook: Greenhills Christian Fellowship | E-mail: pray@gcf.org.ph

ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

We are so glad you're here today! We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room: bit.ly/WelcometoGCF | Welcome Form: bit.ly/GCFWelcome



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