

**THE
EXCEEDING
GREATNESS
of GOD'S
ABILITY to
ACCOMPLISH
our
SALVATION**



Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 1:18-23

RECAP of Ephesians 1:19

Inherent ability (power)

Activation of ability (energize)

Degree of ability (strength)

Exercise of ability (use of power)

4 words that describe God's ability and exercise of that ability:

dunamis – δυναμις = KJV “power”; inherent ability –
cf II Cor 12:9-10

energeo - ενεργεο = KJV “working”; energizing,
activating ability – Phil 2:13

iskuos - ισχυος = KJV “mighty”; strength; degree
of ability - Phil 4:13

kratos - κρατος = KJV “power”; use of ability –
Eph 3:16

**Illustrating
the four
'power'
words with
an electrical
power
source**

- Water behind a dam = potential /inherent power
- Water released through turbines = activated power
- Electrical power exercised by a light switch or power button
- Wattage of a light bulb or control knob to determine the degree/amount of power

GOD the FATHER'S SALVATION

POWER (ABILITY) TOWARD US (Eph. 1:20-21)

- How? By raising Christ and seating Him at His right hand – vs 20, cf Phil 3:10
 - How much activated (energized) ability?
 - Eph 1:21 – Far above any other human or angelic power or reputation (‘name’) in this present age (“evil age”) and in the coming age (millennial age), cf Eph 4:8-10
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GOD THE FATHER'S SALVATION POWER (ABILITY) TOWARD US IS AUTHORIZED THROUGH CHRIST (Eph 1:22)

Christ is given ALL authority – Matt 28:18

- **“authority” = permitted, allowed use of ability**
 - Illustration: a homeowner's right (authority) to use the power for which he has paid and no one else is permitted to use that power
- **Christ's authority extends over “...ALL things under His feet” cf 1 Cor 15:27-28**
 - Christ is ultimately in control
 - Today limited
 - Tomorrow unlimited
- **Christ's authority provides ‘headship’ over all things to the advantage of the Church – vs 22b**
 - Everything Christ allows or does not allow is to the advantage of the Church

THE CULMINATION OF GOD THE FATHER'S SALVATION POWER (ABILITY) TOWARD US

The fulness of the Church which is the body of Christ

- Eph 2:14-15, “body” = the created “new man”
- The fulness of Christ = all 3 tenses of salvation completed
 - Eph 3:19 – the complete knowledge (understanding) and use of agape love
 - Eph 4:10 – the risen and ascended Christ providing the potential for this fulness
 - Eph 4:13 – completed fulness of our salvation at the Rapture

CONCLUSION

Eph 3:20-21

20 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

- The DOXOLOGY (word of glory) of our complete, amazingly glorious salvation – made available to us by God's amazing GRACE!