



# “SUPERHEROSE”

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EPHESIANS 1:17-23 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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## CONTEXT

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. (Eph 1:16, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND  
REVELATION

17 [I pray that] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you Spiritual wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened in order that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance in His holy ones, (Eph 1:17-18, AT)





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND  
REVELATION

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were **marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit**, 14 who is a **deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:13-14, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
ACT LIKE  
YOU KNOW!



3 We know that we have come to **know** him if we **keep his commands**. 4 Whoever says, “**I know him,**” but does not do what he commands is a **liar**, and the truth is not in that person.

(1 Jn 2:3-4, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
SPIRITUAL  
ILLUMINATION



**Open my eyes that I may see  
wonderful things in your law.**

**(Ps 119:18, NIV)**





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
SPIRITUAL  
ILLUMINATION



The precepts of the LORD [YHWH] are right,  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD [YHWH] are radiant,  
**giving light to the eyes.** (Ps 19:8, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
ETERNAL, GLORIOUS RICHES  
OF HIS INHERITANCE



Blessed are the meek

because they will **inherit** the earth.

(Mt 5:5, AT)





EPHESIANS 1:17-18  
ETERNAL, GLORIOUS RICHES  
OF HIS INHERITANCE

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Mt 6:19-21, NIV)





## EPHESIANS 1:19-20 IMMEASURABLE POWER FOR THE FAITHFUL

and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power for us who are [continually] faithful. [This power is] the same as that of the working of His mighty strength that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated [Him] at His right [hand] in the heavenly realms (Eph 1:19-20, AT)





EPHESIANS 1:19-20  
IMMEASURABLE POWER  
FOR THE FAITHFUL



20 Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably** more than all we ask or imagine, according to his **power** that is **at work within us**, 21 to him be **glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Eph 3:20-21, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:21  
CHRIST ABOVE  
ALL



—far above every ruler and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named [ὄνομαζω | *onomazō*], not only in this age, but also in the one to come. (Eph 1:21, AT)



EPHESIANS 1:21  
CHRIST ABOVE  
ALL



Because, for us, the battle is **not against blood and flesh**, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the cosmic powers of this dark [age], against **spiritual forces of evil** in the **heavenly realms**. (Eph 6:12, AT)





EPHESIANS 1:21  
THE NAME ABOVE  
ALL NAMES

13 Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to **invoke** [ὄνομάζω | *onomazō* (lit. name)] **the name of the Lord Jesus** over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the **name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches**, I command you to come out.”

14 Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. 15 One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” (Acts 19:13-15, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:21  
THE NAME ABOVE  
ALL NAMES



16 Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. 17 When this became known to the Jews and Greeks **living in Ephesus**, they were all seized with fear, and the **name of the Lord Jesus** was held in high honor. (Ac 19:16-17, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:21  
THE NAME ABOVE  
ALL NAMES



18 Many of those who believed [πιστεύω | *pisteuō*] now came and openly confessed what they had done. 19 A number who had **practiced sorcery** brought their scrolls together and **burned them publicly**. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. 20 In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Ac 19:18-20, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:21  
THE NAME ABOVE  
ALL NAMES



19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who **confesses** [ὄνομαζω | *onomazō*] the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness." (2 Tim 2:19, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



22 And [God] put everything under His feet, and [God] appointed Him head over everything for the church, 23 which is His body – the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.

(Eph 1:22-23, AT)





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



When the **Most High** gave to the nations their **inheritance**, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the **sons of God**. (Dt 32:8, ESV).

But the LORD [YHWH]'s portion is his people, Jacob his allotted **heritage**. (Dt 32:9, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



20 So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to **fight against the prince of Persia**, and when I go, the **prince of Greece** will come; 21 but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except **Michael, your prince**. (Dn 10:20-21, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



“At that time **Michael, the great prince who protects your people,** will arise... (Dn 12:1a, NIV)





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JESUS OVER  
ALL



Because, for us, the battle is **not against blood and flesh**, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the cosmic powers of this dark [age], against **spiritual forces of evil** in the **heavenly realms**. (Eph 6:12, AT)





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having **disarmed** the **powers** and **authorities**, he made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross.** (Col 2:13-15, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



The LORD [YHWH] says to my lord:

“Sit at my **right hand**  
until I make your enemies  
a **footstool for your feet.**”

(Ps 110:1, NIV; cf. 1 Cor 15:27; Heb 2:6-8)





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you **put everything under their feet:** (Ps 8:4-6, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



7 all flocks and herds,  
and the animals of the wild,  
8 the birds in the sky,  
and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.  
9 LORD [YHWH], our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps 8:7-9, NIV)



EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
JESUS OVER  
ALL



**And God raised us up with Christ  
and seated us with him in the  
heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,  
(Eph 2:6, NIV)**





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
CHRIST: THE HEAD OF  
THE BODY (THE CHURCH)



4 For just as each of us has **one body** with **many members**, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, **though many**, form **one body**, and each member belongs to all the others. (Rom 12:4-5, NIV)





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6 We have **different** gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Rom 12:6-8, NIV)





EPHESIANS 1:22-23  
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7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the **times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.** (Eph 1:7-10, NIV)