

His Incomparable Power Ephesians Part 11

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1:18-19

Mary Lou and I and the kids went to an event this summer called Revelation Generation. It was a fun time as bands and singers from many different genres took Biblical truths and their personal experiences with Jesus and tried to make them known through song to this young generation. Music is a great way to reveal Jesus and Jesus needs to be revealed. Proverbs 28:18 says, "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law." I find more and more in our day and time that many, especially the younger generation, lack discipline. It seems like life is a virtual smorgasbord that offers to scratch any itch and sooth any desire. The seductress calls, "Come to the streets and find whatever you want, whenever you want it and as much as you want." There are many streets and many roads but only one will lead to life.

Peter had a revelation. Jesus had confronted his disciples by saying, "Who do you say I am?" You can read the story in Matthew 16:13-20. Peter really understood who Jesus was and proclaimed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." After Jesus blessed Peter he said, "This was not revealed to you by man but by my Father in heaven." We need a revelation revolution of this magnitude today. That is what I believe God's incomparably great power in us is for. If you read Ephesians 1:19-23, you will see Jesus revealed. Right in the midst of Paul praying for a generation of believers to have open eyes to the might and power of God, he reveals who Jesus is and who we are in Christ.

Many times I have read this passage and been struck by the fact that there is nothing on earth that compares to the power of God. Nothing. In order to get an idea of God's power Paul has to use a likeness from a supernatural event, the raising of Jesus from the dead. But God did not only raise Jesus from the dead, in His ascent, Jesus went from Hell to Heaven and lead captives in His train and bestowed gifts upon men in the procession (4:8-11). Then Jesus takes His seat on the Throne as King of all the universe, above all rule, authority, power, dominion and title for all ages, times and generations. That's not the end. Jesus is given everything that exists. He is the soul proprietor of everything that exists, all that has been created. Nothing remains that is not under His feet. And some people think they are getting away with it. And some people think that God is not in control. His is a loving and patient God, not wanting any to perish but all to come to eternal life. I am thankful that He is, for even I would be immediate dust.

Then the Father appoints Him as Head of everything for the church, which is His body and is the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way. He does this last after He establishes everything else the way He wants it. Bam! All His authority and power to His people. The same power, the same love. Day after day I sell myself short because of unbelief. Day after day I find myself caught up in the tyranny of the urgent and missing the awesomeness of Christ in me. All I can do is pray..."Lord, open the eyes of my heart to your incomparably great power in me so that I may be the fullness of you in my generation." We need a revelation revolution.