

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 1:19-23

Extra Notes:

Spurgeon wrote, *Even so Jesus Christ has taken my poor guilty soul ever since I believed in him and has wrapped around me the blood-red flag of his atoning sacrifice, and before God can destroy me or any other soul that is wrapped in the atonement, he must insult his Son and dishonor the sacrifice, and that he will never do, blessed be his name.*"

1) The greatness of God's power in us. (Eph. 1:19-20)

- How have you witnessed God's power working in your life?
- How might we "dial in" our Kingdom potential?
- Compare Romans 8:12-17 with Ephesians 1:19-23. What can we learn about our spiritual journey now and in heaven?
 1. What phrases/concepts stick out between each passage? Any themes you notice?
 2. What encouragement do we gain?

2) He who promises us power. (Eph. 1:20-21)

- *The power of a promise is only as good as the person offering the promise of power!* (See Ephesians 3:6)
- Locate divine titles that affirm God's ability to secure His promise of power. Discuss their meaning as a group!
- Can you think of a time you broke a promise or that someone broke a promise to you? How do we get passed our human experience to a place of fully trusting God?

3) The provider of God's power also promises His presence. (Eph. 1:22-23)

- In these verses we find the truth of relational theology. God is not far from us, but united with His body. What is Jesus role in the body? Can you think of good examples of this? Can you think of bad examples?
- Read Colossians 2:8-15. Thoughts on God's love for us?