

Immeasurable Greatness

[Eph 1:19 ESV] 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

I. Intro

- A. So far in Ephesians we have learned:
 - 1. We are chosen by God
 - 2. We are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit
 - 3. We are brought into the ministry of Christ
 - 4. We are joint heirs with Christ
 - 5. We are gifted by the Spirit
 - 6. Today: We are blessed with the POWER of GOD
- B. The Blessing of God is what we celebrate today

II. Text

- A. And what is
 - 1. This is connected to ver 18: the prayer of Paul says: That you may know the hope...
 - 2. So, he also desires for believers to know this:
- B. The immeasurable greatness of His power
 - 1. You can know that which is immeasurable
 - 2. The limitless power of God can be known
- C. Towards us who believe
 - 1. There is a clear direction regarding this immeasurable greatness of His power:
 - 2. This power of God is directed toward us!
 - 3. This provides clear: target audience, production, purpose
- D. According to the working of His great might:
 - 1. This speaks to the foundation of truth that the house of faith is built upon.
 - 2. Anything that is true is going to have a foundation
 - 3. Things that are true spiritually, that require faith rather than an obvious concrete foundation, are built according to the GREAT MIGHT of God.

III. Points

- A. God's Immeasurable Greatness is a blessing for us who believe.
 - 1. For the Believer:
 - a) The immeasurable nature of God's great power causes us to have peace and wonder.
 - b) We celebrate His power and are continually amazed at His work
 - 2. For the Unbeliever:
 - a) God's power does not bring peace, joy, or confidence
 - b) It brings a true fear and sometimes bitterness.
 - 3. Things to note:
 - a) Lets not forget how far we have come as believers
 - b) Lets not forget how we have come this far, by that power
 - c) Let us not forget the anger and emptiness we felt before we became believers.
 - 4. For those yet to believe:
 - a) I know you may not have peace in your heart, But I want you to know that you can have peace with God through Jesus Christ.
 - b) I know you have questions that remain unanswered, but I want to let you know that so do I.
 - c) I know that stepping out in faith sounds counter to intellect and reason, but when you step out in faith God satisfies those doubts and fears.
- 5. I'm not sure what's holding you back, but I know who can set you free!**
- B. God's Immeasurable Power is bestowed upon us

1. I'm not sure how this works exactly, but the power of God has a targeted direction: US!
 2. I am the recipient of God's power and might.
 3. The best way to see this is salvation: do you have a salvation story?
 - a) Tell a little of your pre-conversion experience: anger, emptiness, fear, etc.
 - b) Tell how you came to Christ
 - c) Tell of how God is continuing to work in your life.
 - d) Don't let all your "God" stories be from 20 years ago!
 4. The best way to recognize God's work today, is to see how he worked in scripture:
 - a) What is your favorite story regarding the power of God?
 - (1) Red Sea? Creation? Miracles of Jesus? Resurrection?
 - (2) How does this story show the character of God? His holiness, His love, His standard of righteousness?
 - b) Let us then understand that God's power has not changed or been limited.
 - (1) God's power is unchanged in its infinite nature
 - (2) We don't see God's power in the same way as some did in the scripture, but the grace given to us is a complete demonstration of that power!
 - (3) God's grace in salvation, equipping, and sanctification is a demonstration of the full measure of the power of God!
 5. God rescued us, and that makes us the recipient of the full measure of His power.
- C. God's Great Might is at work
1. The working of HIS great might...Never takes a day off...Never has a snow day... always on duty...and always on time!
 2. God so desires to work in your life, that he equipped you for the task and then strengthens you daily for the task.
 3. Illus: I'm convinced a good employee is never more efficient than the day before they take off for vacation.
 - a) So think of God's productivity as the most productive worker of the day before vacation...
 - b) And think of our influence as a typical employee that is distracted by social media, and interoffice watercolor talk.
 - c) God's work is never in doubt...our attentiveness sometimes shows weakness.
 4. Lets be aware and amazed at God's work
 - a) Pay attention to God's work
 - b) Join in with where God is working
 - c) Find peace in how He is working, and trust HIM.
 5. Words of Power in this verse:
 - a) immeasurable
 - b) greatness
 - c) power
 - d) believe
 - e) great might
 6. We serve a GREAT, POWERFUL, MIGHTY GOD who is worthy of our BELIEF and TRUST in HIM!
 7. He is doing work...
 - a) We sometimes want all the info, and none of the trust.
 - b) Rob reminded me of something I said many years ago:
 - (1) You don't have to know where you are going to be in 20 years to know what you need to be doing today, so you can be what you are supposed to be 20 years from today.
 - (2) God is working today in you, and is going to use that work today and for the future.
 - (3) God does not waste any effort, action, or word.

IV. Close