Ephesians 1:19-23

Ephesians 1:19 – "and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might"

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- Third Paul's prayer for enlightenment includes understanding God's power toward us in addition to knowing:
 - First, hope to which he has called us
 - Second, riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. This refers to God's inheritance which is the body of believers. We are a valuable inheritance God has gained from the kosmos through the process of history through the redemptive work of his Son. We are the glorious inheritance that have been gained and conformed by the work of the Trinity. We are a prized and treasured possession.
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10 -
 - James 1:18 –
 - Hebrews 2:13 –
 - Isaiah 8:18 -
- "the <u>surpassing greatness</u> of the <u>power</u> of him...according to the <u>working</u> of the <u>might</u> of the <u>strength</u> of him" are the strongest words available in the Greek:
 - First, four words:
 - "POWER" dynamis, Philippians 3:21 describes our weak, mortal bodies being transformed in the likeness of Christ's body in accordance with or appropriated to (kata) God's power (dynamis).
 - "WORKING" *energeia*, (Ephesians 3:7; 4:16; Philippians 3:21; Colossians 1:29)
 - "STRENGTH" kratos, (1 Timothy 6:16; 1 Peter 4:11; 5:11; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6; 5:13)
 - "MIGHT" ischys, God possesses but also makes available to us as in Ep. 6:10 and 1 Peter 4:11)
- Paul's prayer is NOT that God makes this power available, but that believers would know and experience this power.
- Notice, it is for those who simply have believed: "...toward us those believing..."
- "Huper-ballon" or "hyper-ballo" means "go beyond, surpass, outdo". Also in Eph. 2:7; 3:19. This is combined with the word "greatness" or megethos.
 - Both of these words (hyper-ballo and megethos) appear in the magical papyri and many inscription found in Ephesus

Ephesians 1:20 – "that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,"

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Ephesians 1:21 – "far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come."

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