

Sermon Notes

Themes from Ephesians

“The Mighty Lord Over All” – Eph. 1:19-23

I. Introduction

- A. A view toward the future.
- B. Christ’s exalted state.
- C. Text: Ephesians 1:19-23

II. Exposition

A. The Resurrection

1. Verse 20

- a. Mark 10:33-34

2. He reigns and because He does we can conquer our three worst foes:

- a. The World
- b. The Flesh
- c. The Devil

1. Lloyd-Jones – on “power”

2. Power to overcome is manifest in the following:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B. He is enthroned and is over all evil.

1. Verse 20-21

- a. Ephesians 6:2

- b. James 4:7

- c. Colossians 2:8-15

C. His headship over the church

1. Verse 22

- a. First reference to the “church.”
- b. Colossians 2:8-15
- c. Westminster Longer Catechism

2. Verse 23

- a. Church fills up the fullness of Christ.
- b. How can Jesus be incomplete?
 - 1. Christ fills the church as He fills the universe.
 - 2. Son of God reckons Himself in some measure imperfect until fully consummated with the church. (Bridegroom and Bride together.)

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The resurrection is the New Testament proof of what Jesus taught as being true.
- B. The resurrection made available to us power to lead a victorious Christian life over the world, the flesh and the devil.
- C. Jesus Rules over all heavenly and earthly authority.
- D. He is the Head of the Body, His church, which makes His human nature complete in fullness in ways we cannot comprehend.