

Oxford Baptist Church – “Transformed for His Glory.”

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Message: “A Heart Smart Church” Part 2. Ephesians 1:15-23

The Four chambers of a Healthy Heart Smart Church.

A Thankful Heart. v. 16

- Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. v.15
- Love for all God’s people. v. 15 John 13:34-35 Revelation 2:1-7

A Wise Heart. v. 17

- The Spirit of Wisdom.
- The Spirit of Revelation.

“So that you may know him better.”

A Hope-filled Heart v. 18

- The riches of His Glorious Inheritance for us.

ROM 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Part Two

A Powerful Heart Under Christ’s Authority v. 19-23

God wants us to give us His power for dynamic living.

An open obedient heart builds a closer relationship with God.

The Greatness of God’s Power

- Requires that you depend on His might. v.19
 - You have access to the power to rely on it.
 - Rom 1:16; 1Thess 1:5; 2Cor 4:7; 1John 4:4; 2Cor 12:9-11
- Raised Jesus Christ from the dead. V.20
 - 2Cor 1:8-11 - The Apostle Paul
 - Elijah – 1Kings 19 – “I am the only one.”

The Greatness of God’s Majesty:

- Places Jesus at the Right Hand of God the Father. V.20
- Proves Jesus is positioned with all authority. v. 21
- Appointed Him to be the Head of the Church with all Fullness. V.22-23
Phil 4:19

Are we relying on God’s power?

Life Group Questions

1. Power is God’s ability to bring things together for dynamic living. Where do you need greater strength in your life? What steps do you need to take to receive God’s power?
2. What is the attitude we are to have regarding God’s power and authority in our life? See verses starting with Rom 1:16
3. Take time to read the Apostle Paul’s testimony in 2Cor 1 and Elijah’s story in 1Kings 19.
4. What is the difference between relying on God’s strength or power or depending on your ability according to the verses and personal examples of the Apostle Paul and Elijah?
5. How did God provide for Elijah and Paul in their circumstances?
6. Discuss the Greatness of God’s Majesty in verses 20 to 23. Why can we only have a mighty heart under Christ’s Authority?
7. In what ways do we as a church or personally need to rely on God’s power?
8. What is the next step you need to take as a result of hearing this message?

