**Power to the Faithful**

**Eph.1:17-21 – Down-flow of Power**

**Father of glory may give to you –**

* **spirit of wisdom & revelation in recognition of Christ**
* **enlightening the eyes of your mind to know**
* **what is the hope of His calling**
* **what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the Holies**
* **what the hyperbolic greatness of His power-to us believers**
* **according to the operation of the grasp of His strength**
* **which He operated in the Christ**
* **having raised Him from the dead, and**
* **seated Him at His right in the heavenlies *up above***
* **every principality**
* **authority**
* **power**
* **lordship**
* **every name named**

**in this age, and**

**the one coming**

* **subordinated all** *things* ***under* His feet**
* **appointed (gave) Him *as* Head *over* all** *things*
* **to the church, His body, the fulness of Him,**

**filling all these** *things*

**in all (people, places, things?)**

**Eph.6:10-14 Exercise of power**

***For the rest, my brothers –***

* **be empowered by the Lord and by the grasp of His strength**
* **put on the full-armor of God for you to be able**
  + **to stand against the cunning of the devil**

***Because there is not for us –***

* **the wrestling against blood and flesh**
  + - **but against the principalities**
    - **against the authorities**
    - **against the world-rulers of this darkness**
    - **against the spiritual** *ones* **of the wickedness in the heavenlies**

***On account of this –***

* **take up the full-armor of God so that you may be able**
  + **to withstand in the wicked day, and**
    - **having worked out all** *things*
  + **to stand**
* **stand, therefore, girding your loin with truth….**

**Eph.1:9-11 Where it all began**

* **according to His good pleasure**
  + **which He purposed in Himself**
    - **for a dispensation of the fulness of the seasons**

**to head back up all these things**

**by the Christ**

* + - * **– the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth –** 
        + **by Him by Whom also**

**we were taken by lot, having been predestined**

* + **according to the purpose of Him**

**operating (*energeō*) all these things**

* + - * + **according to the counsel of His desire,**
    - **for us to be for high praise of His glory,** 
      * **those having prior-hoped**

**by the Christ**

**Power and Its Operation - Before and After**

**Before:**

**Mat.14:2** "This is John the Baptist. He rose from the dead, and on account of this the powers operate in Him" (spoken of Jesus' miraculous powers - also Mar.6:14)

**1 Cor.12:10** "and to another operation of powers, to another prophecy, to another discrimination of spirits..."

**Gal.3:5** "therefore the One supplying you the spirit and operating powers among you –*is it* from works of law or from hearing of faith?"

**2 Th.2:9** "whose presence is according to the operation of Satan, by every power and sign and false wonder"

**After:**

**Eph.1:19-20** "and what the hyperbolic greatness of His power toward us, the believing, according to the operation of the grasp of His strength, which He operated in the Christ having raised Him…"

**Eph.3:7** "of which (gospel) I became servant according to the gift of the grace of God, having been given to me according to the operation of His power"

**Eph.3:20** "But to the One being able above all to do over-abundantly what we ask or think, according to the power which *is* operating in us"

**Phi.3:21** "Who will change the body of our humiliation, conformed to the body of His glory, according to the operation by which He is able even to subdue all these to Himself"

**Col.1:29** "toward this I even labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me with power"

**Before:miraculous powers**

**After: enablements to magnify Christ and to grow His body**