**Eph.1:17-23**

**v. Actor Action Object or Result of Action**

**17 the Father of the glory may give a spirit of wisdom to you**

**19 the extreme greatness according to the operation for us the believing**

**of His power of the grasp of His strength**

**20 which He operated in the Christ**

**raised out from dead Him**

**seated at His right in the Him**

**heavenlies**

**21 up above every/all sovereignty and**

**authority and power and**

**lordship and every name**

**22 He subordinated all under His feet**

**and gave Him as Head over all**

**to the church (Dat.) His body, the accomplishment**

**23 of the One accomplishing all these by (among) all**

**So, what is the meaning of “all these by (or in) all”?**

**“All *things*” in v.22 refers back to “every sovereignty, etc.”**

**Possible meanings of v.23 include “the One accomplishing all these results *by* all these actions – or *among* all the church”**

**Possible Parallels:**

**1 Co.12:4-6 “And there are divisions of gracious gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are divisions of ministries and the same Lord. And there are divisions of operations but the same God Who *is* operating all these in (by, among) all.”**

**1 Co.15:24-28 “Then the end whenever He may have delivered the kingdom to the God and Father, whenever He may annul every sovereignty and every authority and power. For He must reign until whenever He may put all the enemies under His feet. Death *is* the last enemy to be annulled. For He subordinated all under His feet. But whenever it may say that all has been subordinated *it is* manifest that *it is* apart from the One subordinating to Him all these. But whenever may be subordinated to Him all these, then also the Son Himself will be subordinated to the One having subordinated all these, so that God may be all these in (among) all.” I.e., God will be sovereignty, authority and power among all His creatures.**

**NOTE: This text implies that “all the enemies” would include “every sovereignty and every authority and power”. But Rom.13:1-7 teaches that these are from God. How can we reconcile these?**

**Is Pro.16:4 a help? – “Yahweh made all things for Himself; yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.”**