

# **EXPLORING EPHESIANS – PART 3**

# Outline #3 THE POWER OF THE EXALTED JESUS

### 1. Praying for one another in the name of Jesus

- a) Compare the Apostle Paul's two prayers, recorded in Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-21. What can we learn from these prayers about praying for one another in the name of Jesus? (See also Philippians 1:3-6)
- b) 1 Thessalonians 5:17 What does it mean to pray without ceasing?
- c) What assurance did Jesus give when we pray in His name? John 14:13-14
- d) What counsel of the Apostle John is also important when praying in the name of Jesus? 1 John 5:14-15
- e) Share a time when the Holy Spirit impressed you to pray for someone in the name of Jesus.

#### 2. Experiencing revelation and wisdom by the Holy Spirit

- a) Ephesians 1:15-17 What special prayer request did Paul make for followers of Jesus in Ephesus?
- b) What will these gifts of revelation and wisdom from our Father in heaven enable us to comprehend? Ephesians 1:18-19
- c) How can we receive these heavenly gifts of revelation and wisdom today? Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:13

## 3. Witnessing and experiencing God's mighty power

a) How was our Heavenly Father's mighty power revealed in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead? Ephesians 1:20, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 1 Peter 1:3 Scripture Song: I Therefore Beseech You – Ephesians 4:1-3

- b) What glorious event occurred after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus? Philippians 2:9-11, Ephesians 1:21-23
- c) Since Jesus Christ has authority over all powers (Ephesians 1:21), how should we respond when the powers of darkness attempt to overwhelm us? Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7-8
- d) How can we experience the power of Christ's resurrection in our own lives? Philippians 3:8-11
- e) Share a time when you witnessed or experienced God's mighty power.

#### 4. Called together with Jesus Christ as our Head

- a) Ephesians 1:22-23 What vital position does Jesus occupy as part of His Church? (See also Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 2:9-10)
- b) Why is it important to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of His church?
- c) How do we become part of the Body of Christ, which is His Church? Acts 2:37-42,46-47
- d) How can we discover our place as part of the Body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Romans 12:4-8
- e) How have you been blessed to fellowship and serve as part of the Body of Christ?

