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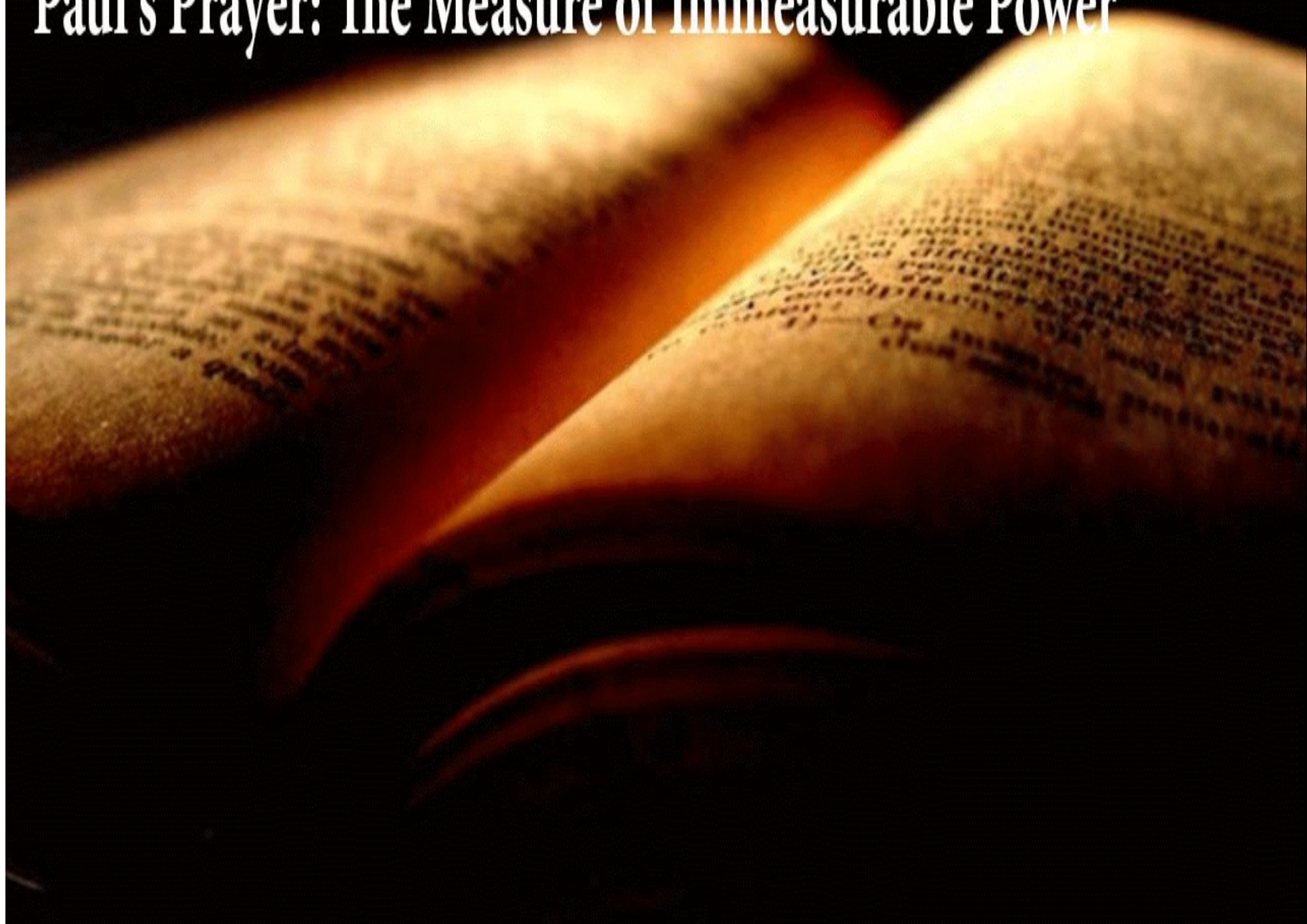


Ephesians 1:18-23 "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, {19} and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, {20} which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,



{21} far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. {22} And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, {23} which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

Paul's Prayer: The Measure of Immeasurable Power





Ephesians 1:18 "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be **enlightened** in order that you may know the **hope** to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious **inheritance** in the saints,


The Purpose of the enlightenment is:





Hope:


Not merely to the emotion
but also to the content of
that hoped for.



Colossians 1:4-6 "because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints--^{5} the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel ^{6} that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth."

**The riches of his glorious
inheritance in the saints**






Colossians 1:12-13 "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the **inheritance of the saints** in the kingdom of light. {13} For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,"

God's Power Now at Work





Imcomparably: Immeasurable Power

Ephesians 1:19 "and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,"



Immeasurable Grace

Ephesians 2:7-8 "in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. {8} For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--"



Immeasurable Love

Ephesians 3:19 "and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

DYNAMIS



Dunamis

The ability to accomplish, the cognate verb means “I am able.” force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power.

Verse 19, 21



Kratos



Kratos

The power that rules,
has dominion,
especially over rational
beings

Verse 19



Ischus



Ischus

Inherent strength, or
might. It has more to do
with potential, intrinsic
might, whether active or
not

Verse 19



Energeia




Energeia

**Power to work, not mere
potential power but
active power**


Verse 21



Ephesians 1:19 and his incomparably **great power (Dunamis)** for us who believe. **That power (Kratous)** is like the working of his **mighty (Ischuos)** strength,



Romans 1:16-17 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the **power (Dunamis)** of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. {17} For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.""




Ephesians 6:10 "Finally,
be strong in the Lord
and in his **mighty**
(ischos) power.
(Kratous)



Display of the Power

Ephesians 1:20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,




Mark 16:19 "After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.




Authority:


Ephesians 1:21 far above all rule and **authority**, (**Exousias**) **power** (**Dunamis**) and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.




Matthew 28:18-19 "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All **authority (Exousias)** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. {19} Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"




Colossians 2:9-15 "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, {10} and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every **power** (**Energeia**) and authority. {11} In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ,



**{12} having been buried
with him in baptism and
raised with him through
your faith in the **power**
(**Energeia**) of God, who
raised him from the dead.
{13} When you were dead
in your sins and in the
uncircumcision of your
sinful nature, God made
you alive with Christ. He
forgave us all our sins,**



{14} having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. {15} And having disarmed the **powers (Energeia) and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."**



1 Peter 3:21-22 "and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, {22} who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, **authorities (Exousia) and **powers (Dunamis)** in submission to him."**



Ephesians 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

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