**Ephesians**

*Ephesus, a revival church that affected a region*

**Session 9 - Chapter 1 Part 8**

**Verses 1:22-23**

The Enthroned Christ and His Body

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, 22 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.

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And God

1. placed all things under His feet
2. appointed Him to be head over everything

For the church (the why of the appointment)

Which is His body (what is the church?)

The fullness of Him (what is the Body?)

Who fills everything in every way (the why of the body).

The language is juxtaposed over against one another:

Placed/appointed

All things/Him

Under/over

Feet/head

Put all things under His feet

* This is the language of dominion.
* A somewhat common practice in ancient times was for conquering kings to place their feet on the necks of those Kings they defeated.
* This was an allusion to Psalm 8 and the restoration of human authority in Christ’s victory.

And God gave Him

* Jesus is God’s gift to the Church.
  + All other gifts come in this One.
* He is given to the Church, but in what form? As head over all things.
* 2 different views on this phrase:

1. He is given as head over everything connected to the Church.
2. He was enthroned as head over everything that exists and then is given to the Church. The implication is that His dominion was for the sake of the Church.

* The later would imply co-rulership. If everything is under His feet and we are connected to His head, then they are under us as well.

The choice of terms are distinct: under feet, connected to head.

The head is elevated above the feet.

* In middle eastern culture, even today, it is disrespectful to show the bottom of one’s feet.

The body of Christ – a rich metaphor of the Church

* We are His expression.
* Many members
* The fullness of Him – back to many members.

Who fills all in all – everything in every way

* Ephesians 4:10 “He who descended is the One who also ascended higher than the highest heavens that He might fill all in all.”
* In this verse Paul ties this concept of filling all in all to His descension and ascension.

The manner in which God is going to fill the universe with His Son is through the Church!