

Treasure Hunt

1. What three themes does Paul explain in Ephesians?
2. What four verbs does he use to explain the power that God wrought in Christ?
3. How does raising Christ from the dead show God's power?
4. How does Psalm 110 show God's power in Christ?
5. How does Psalm 8 show God's power in Christ?
6. What two pictures does Paul give of God's power in Christ toward the church?

Overview of Ephesians

1:1-2, Prolog

1:3-3:21, Doctrinal

1:3-14, Praise

1:15-19, Request: that ye may know...

- The hope of his calling
- His inheritance in the saints
- His power to usward who believe

1:20-2:10, God's Power

- 1:20-23, raising Christ from the dead ...
- 2:1-10, and you hath he quickened ...

2:11-3:13, The church, God's inheritance

3:14-19, Request: that he would grant you ...

- To be strengthened with might
- That ye ... with all saints ...
- That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God

3:20-21, Praise

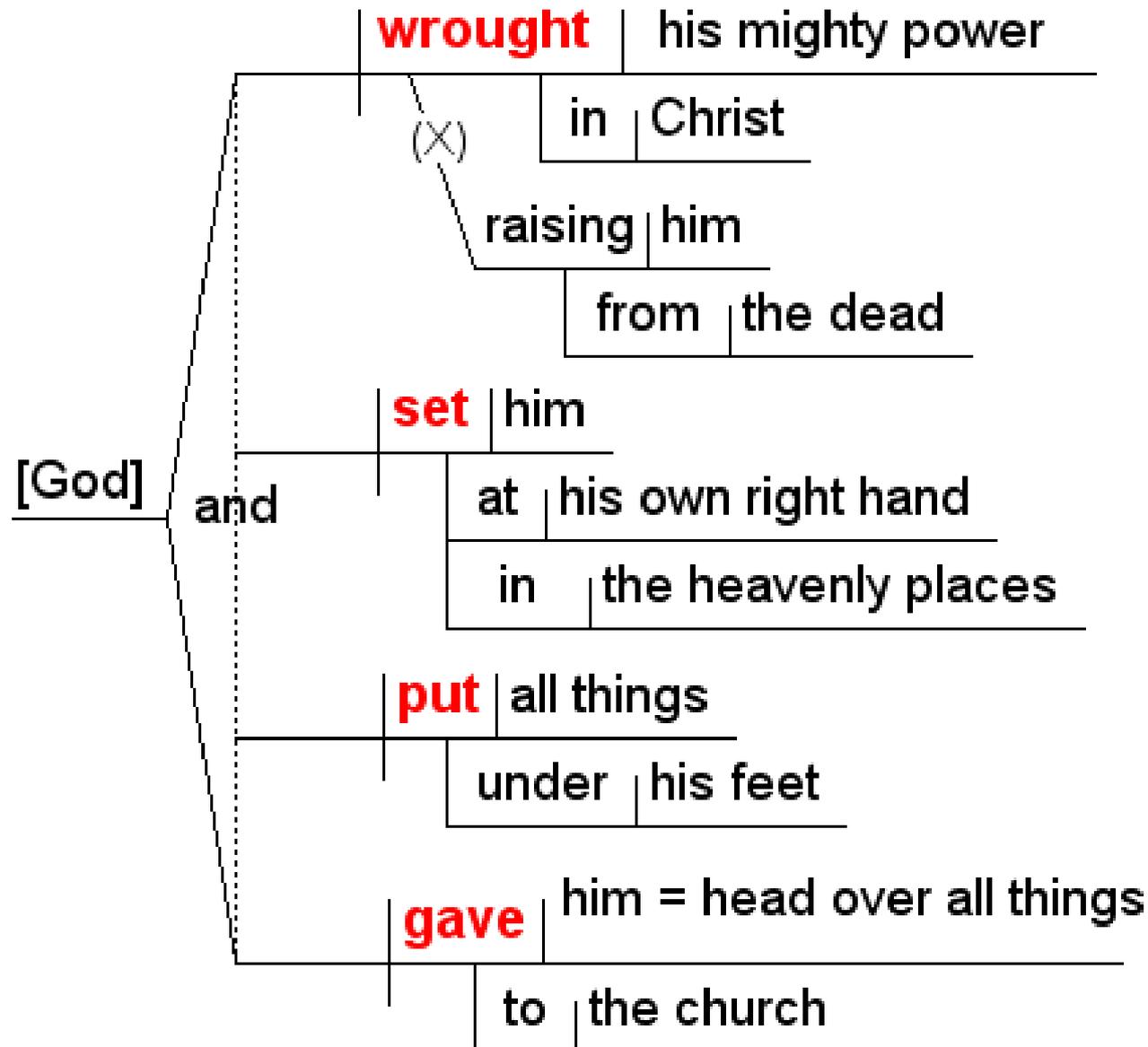
4:1-6:20, Our walk

4:1-6:9, Our Fellowship

6:10-20, Our Warfare

6:21-24, Epilog

Structure of Eph 1:19-23



20-21, God's Power in the Resurrection

Humans: (limited) power to kill:

Matt 10:28 And fear not them which **kill the body, but are not able (δυναμις) to kill the soul:** but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

God: power to raise:

2Kin 5:7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, **[Am] I God, to kill and to make alive,** that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

20b, God's Power in the Ascension

Psa 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, **Sit thou at my right hand**, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. ... 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

at his own right hand: 1Ki 2:19

Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat **on his right hand**.

in heavenly places: Phil 2:10 "*things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth [heavenly things, and earthly things, and sub-earthly things]"

far above: Whom?

principality αρχη, power εξουσια, might δυναμις, dominion κυριοτης

Others: thrones θρονος Col 1:16 and rulers κοσμοκρατορ Eph 6:12

Humans: Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to **principalities and powers**, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, Angels: Eph 6:12 For we wrestle **not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Outcome: he will "put down all rule αρχη and all authority εξουσια and power δυναμις" (1 Cor 15:13) as "king of kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev 19:16).

far above: When? "not only in this world [age], but also in that which is to come."

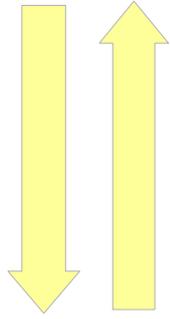
22a, God's Power in Christ the Man

Psa 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; **thou hast put all *things* under his feet:** 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

	Ps 8:7	Ps 110:1
Tense	Past	Future
Object	Creation in its natural form	Enemies; those who oppose him
Time	Creation	Ascension & Return

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

22b-23, God's Power in Christ & the Church

	<i>Head and Body</i>		<i>Contents and Container</i>
<i>Christ</i>	[God] gave him <i>to be the head over all things</i>		by him who in turn is being completely filled
<i>Church</i>	to the church, 23 Which is his body,		that which is being filled up

Head and Body

God gave him as head:

Heb 5:4 No man taketh this honor unto himself. ... 6
So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

God gave him as head to the church:

Eph 4:14 That we ... 15 ... may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

God gave him as head over all:

“God gave him as head, higher than all, to the church.”
Acts 5:29, “we ought to obey God rather than men.”

Contents and Container

We are filled with Christ:

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, **that he might fill all things.**) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, ~~for~~ unto the work of the ministry, ~~for~~ unto the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come ~~in~~ unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of **the fulness of Christ**

Christ is filled [by the Father]:

Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;