Sermon Notes

Themes from Ephesians

"The Mighty Lord Over All" - Eph. 1:19-23

- I. Introduction
 - A. A view toward the future.
 - B. Christ's exalted state.
 - C. Text: Ephesians 1:19-23
- II. Exposition
 - A. The Resurrection
 - 1. Verse 20
 - a. Mark 10:33-34
 - 2. He reigns and because He does we can conquer our three worst foes:
 - a. The World
 - b. The Flesh
 - c. The Devil
 - 1. Lloyd-Jones on "power"
 - 2. Power to overcome is manifest in the following:
 - 1.
 - 2.
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 - B. He is enthroned and is over all evil.
 - 1. Verse 20-21

- a. Ephesians 6:2
- b. James 4:7
- c. Colossians 2:8-15
- C. His headship over the church
 - 1. Verse 22
 - a. First reference to the "church."
 - b. Colossians 2:8-15
 - c. Westminster Longer Catechism
 - 2. Verse 23
 - a. Church fills up the fullness of Christ.
 - b. How can Jesus be incomplete?
 - 1. Christ fills the church as He fills the universe.
 - 2. Son of God reckons Himself in some measure imperfect until fully consummated with the church. (Bridegroom and Bride together.)

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The resurrection is the New Testament proof of what Jesus taught as being true.
- B. The resurrection made available to us power to lead a victorious Christian life over the world, the flesh and the devil.
- C. Jesus Rules over all heavenly and earthly authority.
- D. He is the Head of the Body, His church, which makes His human nature complete in fullness in ways we cannot comprehend.