



***“Don’t leave your first love!” (Revelation 2:4)***

## **A Study of the Book of Ephesians**

**Lesson Two = THE POWER OF CHRIST (Ephesians 1:15-23)**

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**Introduction:** Who is your first love? Not, who was your first love. First in principle, not in chronological order. The church in Ephesus left their first love! If they had only listened to the apostle Paul things would’ve turned out differently. The Lord Jesus Christ must always come first. In our lesson today we will notice another reason for which we fall in love with Jesus... His power. Last week we noticed His blessings and promises, but those mean nothing if Christ is not have the power and authority to fulfill them. What do we need to know about the power of Christ? Paul tells us. Let’s study together...

**Discussion:**

- I. The Praise for the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:15)***
- II. The Profession of the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:16)***
- III. The Perception of the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:17)***
- IV. The Persuasion of the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:18-19)***
- V. The Proof of the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:20)***
- VI. The Potency of the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:21-22)***
- VII. The Pledge of the Power of Christ (Ephesians 1:23)***

**Conclusion:** Not only is Christ our “head,” He is also our “fullness.” What does that mean? He fills His body. He is in us. His Holy Spirit makes His home inside of us. Paul reveals that Christ is so united with His church, that He is incomplete until His church is complete. He is not satisfied without us! He will not allow anything to come between us! He wants us to become an intimate part of Him not just to complete a task, or to fulfill a mission, but because He loves us more than we can comprehend. Paul is revealing an amazing truth... Jesus may be your first love, but don’t forget you are His first love (**John 3:16, Romans 5:8, I John 4:19**)! Will you accept His sentiments or will you rebuff His love? Are you ready to experience the power of His love? Are you ready to feel the grasp of His amazing grace?