



And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church. (v 22)

### **Ephesians 1:21-23**

The power of God that raised Christ from the grave is the same power that is working in the lives of the followers of Jesus. Paul follows this description of the power of God in raising Christ to the position that Christ now holds. This is the place of authority over the world as we know it. When Christ was raised he was placed at God's right hand and the world, the universal order and the powers of the nations around the globe are under his feet.

This is a wonderful picture to contemplate but hard to grasp, partly because of what we see around us. The world does not look like God is in control. Temporal political power seems to rule and nations are under what seems like godless people. The world has watched in horror as Afghanistan has fallen under what can only be described as the cruel and heartless reign of the Taliban. There are those who believe the Taliban have changed in the past twenty years but not a lot of people believe that is the case. If the world is under the rule of God why would this group be allowed to rule Afghanistan?

This is not a new question. The Bible is full of people, from the Psalmists, to the prophets to New Testament writers, who constantly ask this questions. If God is in control why does this happen? There is no easy answer but a helpful response is the recognition that God allows for human choice and individual free will. Humanity is able to choose to accept or reject God, humanity can chose to live well or to oppress and humanity will be held responsible for those choices.

We come to these times with faithful trust and prayerful hope.

### **ACTION POINT:**

Pray that leaders of our world will look to our creator God, to live under His rule and allow humanity the opportunity to flourish.



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