# Head over All – Ephesians 1:19-23 James Muldoon - Carey Baptist Church – 19 February 2012

## **Introduction**

- What is this morning's passage about?
- In v17, Paul prayed that the Ephesians would know God better. What two things does Paul pray that they will know in v18?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
- What does he pray that they will know in v19a?

# i What God's power has done (v19b-22)

- What scale can we apply to measure God's power?
- That being the case, what does Paul have to do?
- What is the first example of God's power?
- Why is that an unrivalled demonstration of power?
- What is the second example of God's power?
- What is special about sitting at God's right hand?
- How does Jesus therefore compare to all other powers?
- How much greater is he than they?
- How long will this last?
- How is all this true of our Saviour?
- What does this mean to you if you are sometimes afraid of powerful forces?
- What is the third example of God's power?
- Jesus is not just superior to all other powers. He is also...
- Why is this the case?
- How should we respond to God's power, then?

## ii How God uses his power (v19a, v22-23)

- Who does God use his power for?
- What is the first consequence of that?
- Why do we sometimes get dejected as Christians?
- How should Paul's words encourage and challenge us?
- What is the second consequence of the fact that God uses his power for the church?
- How should we long to experience God's power in our service?
- What are the two ways in which the church is described in v23?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
- What does it mean that the church is the fullness of Christ?
- What does Christ fill the church with?
- What does this mean for the significance of the church?

## Conclusion

What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?

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