

By calling them, ‘his fullness’, what are we being told about God’s people? [Hint: There are two possibilities]

Option #1:

Option #2:

What does option #1 tell us about Christ?

What does option #1 tell us about the church?

What does option #2 tell us about Christ?

What does option #2 tell us about the church?

What are some encouragements you can take from this personally?

## EPHESIANS LINE BY LINE

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### The story so far...

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Paul writes this letter as an apostle to those who are saints and faithful to Jesus in Ephesus.

He begins by praising God the Father for blessing them with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

He then tells them that he regularly thanks God for His work in their lives and is praying for them that their eyes would be opened to see Jesus and know Him better and that they would know all that is theirs in Him.

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### Ephesians 1:22-23

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*“And he  
put all things  
under his feet  
and  
gave him as head  
over all things*

*to the church*

*which is his body,  
the fullness of him  
who fills all in all*

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## Verse 22

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**What does Paul tell us Christ is superior over?**

Ephesians 1:21a

Ephesians 1:21b

Ephesians 1:21c

**How is what Paul writes in verse 22a different to what he says in verse 21?**

**What does this mean?**

**What does this tell us about Jesus?**

Psalm 8:3-8

**Who does Jesus rule over all things for?**

Ephesians 1:22b

**What does this mean for the church?**

Matthew 16:18

Romans 8:28

**How is this view of the church different to one taken by many Christians today?**

**What encouragement can you take from this?**

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## Verse 23

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**How have God's people been described by Paul so far in Ephesians?**

Ephesians 1:1b

Ephesians 1:1c

Ephesians 1:3

Ephesians 1:4

Ephesians 1:5

Ephesians 1:7

Ephesians 1:11

Ephesians 1:13

**What two things does Paul now call them?**

Ephesians 1:23

**By calling them, "his body", what are we being told about God's people?**

**Where might Paul have first learnt that the church was Christ's body?**

Acts 9:1-5