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Lesson Seven

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**Lesson Goal:** To help students to see the greatness of Jesus, our Savior.

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1:15-23

The first chapter of Ephesians ends with thanksgiving. Paul tells the Ephesians that he has “not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.” He prayed that Jesus would give them the “Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know Him better.” Knowing Him better means understanding our inheritance in heaven which is hope for a future that is better than we can imagine, wealth beyond our wildest dreams and power that is available only from God, Himself. Paul goes on to say that we know the power of God better when we understand how much power it took to raise Christ from the dead.

Then Paul begins a list of the wonderful things that apply to Jesus, and to Him alone. He says that God invited Jesus to sit at His right hand. Heaven is where God is. It is a place more amazing and beautiful than humans can imagine. The most important place in Heaven is the throne of God. He sits there taking care of all creation. The second most important place in Heaven is the throne just to the right of God’s throne. On it sits the person who is closest to God and who assists God in His work.

When Jesus had completed the work God sent Him to do on earth, God asked Jesus to take His place on that second throne. In that place, Jesus is “in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power is exempt from His rule.” Ephesians 1:21 *The Message* It is a throne and work that Jesus will have forever. “He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything.” Ephesians 1:21

Ephesians tells us that our great Savior, Jesus, is above “all rule and authority, power and dominion and every title that can be given not only in the present age but also in the one to come.” That means Jesus is designated, by God, as more important, more powerful and more in charge than anyone who has or will ever live.

Ephesians goes on to say that part of the eternal work of Jesus is to rule the church. That means that every gathering of Christians, large and small, is to look to Jesus for direction and strength. Jesus is the power of the church as we go about doing the work of God’s Kingdom on earth.

When we think about real life, eternal life, we look to Jesus to understand what that is like...what that is all about. “Getting a life” means that we are chosen by God to do His work, given ability by God to be what He wants us to be, and can trust Jesus to be with us all the way, like God is with Jesus all the way.

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Think about it this way. Let's say that you are out in a large lake. The boat you are riding in sinks, and you can't swim. There are several people on the shore who can save you. One is willing, but has no life preserver or boat. He might swim out, but it would take a long time. One is a good swimmer, but is very small and couldn't take you back to shore. One is ready and willing, but someone distracts that person and time is running out. One is nearby in a boat. She is very strong and can help you into the boat. The boat has a good motor and can get you to shore quickly.

Which would you choose? Would you wait for someone to come from the shore, or would you welcome the rescue boat nearby?

Humans are lost...stranded in the middle of a big lake of sin. We need someone to lift us up and put us on solid ground so that we can live. Jesus is nearby. Our great Savior is stronger than anyone. He is ready and willing to help. He wants to save you.

And, when He saves you, He gives you life...the best life you can have on earth, and eternal life that you will live out with Him in Heaven.

**Memory Verse:** "That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead..." Ephesians 1:19, 20

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# *Student Worksheet*

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### **How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:**

First, believe that there is a God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God’s Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus’ name. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.

Fifth, believe that He has answered your prayer and be ready to live for him all the rest of your life.