

THREE-PART SERMON SERIES

THE CHURCH, GOD'S *Handiwork*



PART 1/3

A MASTERFUL *Creator*

EPHESIANS 1:3-23





For we are His *workmanship*, created in
Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand so that we would walk in them.

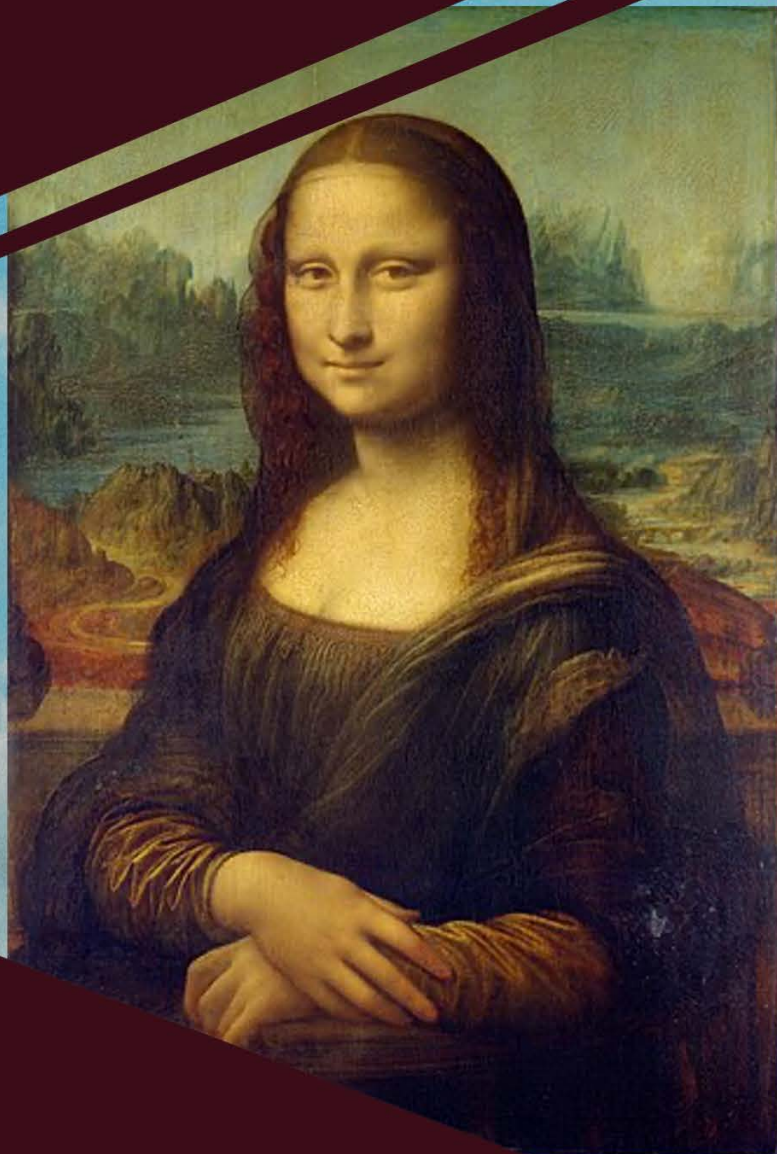
EPHESIANS 2:10 NASB



WORKMANSHIP

poi-ema

- handiwork
- workmanship
- masterpiece



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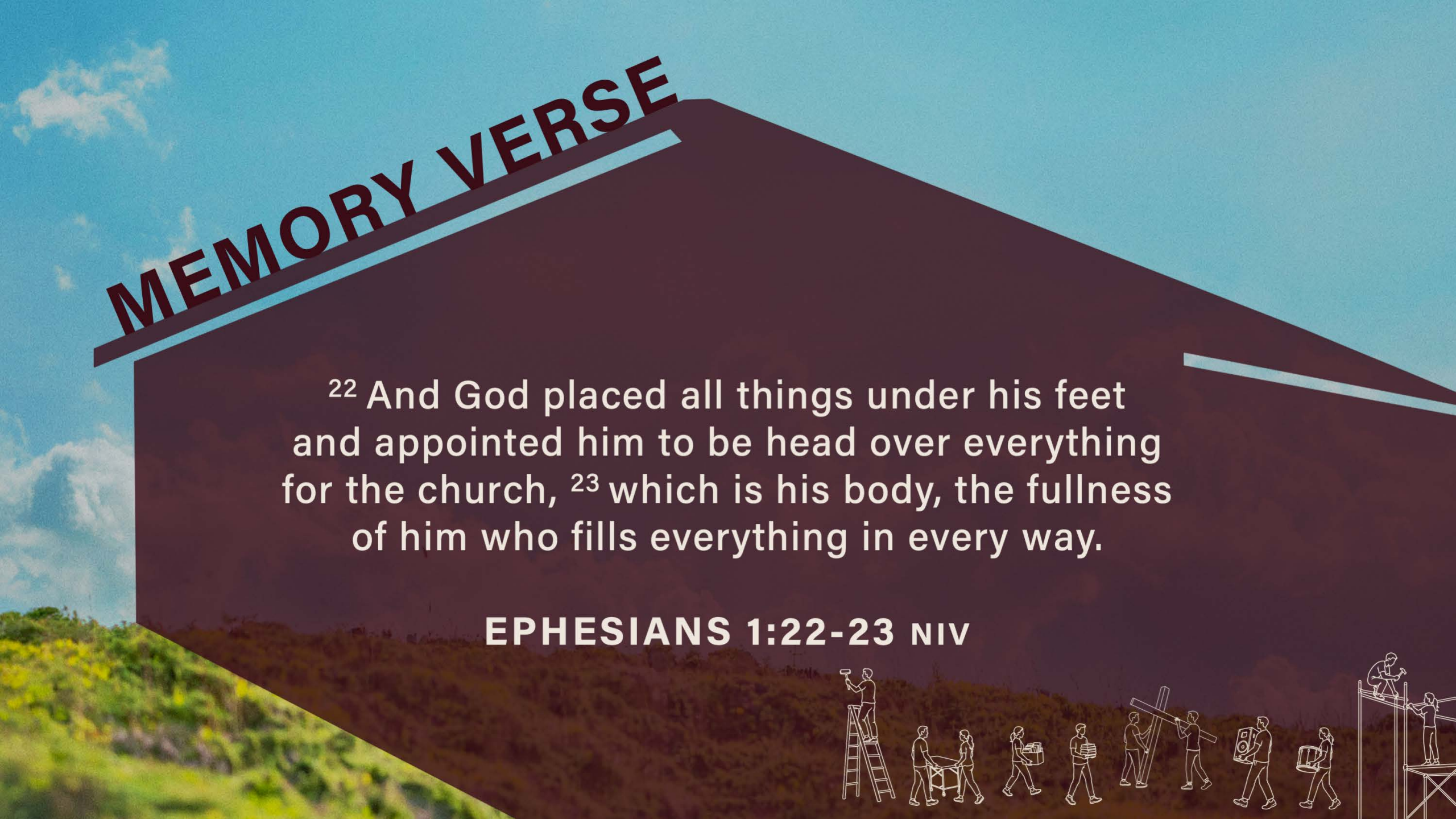


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EPHESIANS 1:3-23 NASB





MEMORY VERSE

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

EPHESIANS 1:22-23 NIV



A person stands on a dark, rocky outcrop in a vast, hilly landscape. Their arms are outstretched towards a bright sun that is low on the horizon, creating a silhouette effect and a lens flare. The entire scene is framed within a white outline of a house, set against a dark maroon background.

**WE EXIST TO
GIVE GOD GLORY**



- **Three times “to the praise of His glory” v6, 12, 14**
- **We exist to give God worship, and the Church exists to bring glory to God in all we do**



Recognizing who God is v19-23

- **Almighty Strength v19**
- **Eternal Authority v21**
- **Absolute Head v22**



Embracing what God has done

- **Blessed us exceedingly v3**
- **Fulfilled His redemptive plan v4-8**
- **Hope, inheritance, and power v18-19**



*We live for the praise of His glory
because of who He is and
we are to proclaim the praise of His glory in our world
because of what He has done!*



WE HAVE THE SEAL OF GOD'S OWNERSHIP

v13-14



- **God's promise in us is sealed by the Holy Spirit**
- **Seal - to seal, close up, fasten with a signet or to place a mark**



This seal confirms who we are

- Our identity as believers, chosen and appointed by God
- Marks who we are and how we live
- Sets the Church apart



This seal is the first installment

- *Arrabon* - pledge, deposit, first installment
- Means much more to come
- Gave us the spirit of wisdom and revelation v17

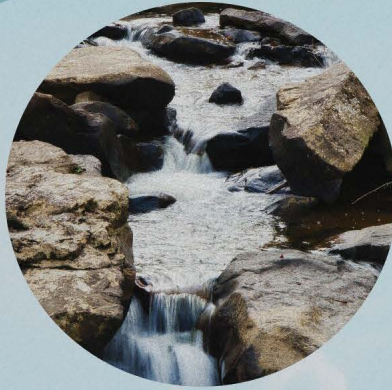


*The seal of God's ownership
is the certainty of who we are and
the promise of all that God has prepared for us*



**WE LIVE BUT
BY HIS GRACE**

v7



- **Our salvation is by grace EPHESIANS 2:8-9**
- **All we have is by His grace**
- **All we do is by His grace**
- **None of this is by our own ability or striving!**



*Knowing that we live by faith
gives us a heart of thanksgiving in our lives,
and gives us strength and joy in all we do!*

He is the
MASTERFUL *Creator*
we are His masterpiece,
His beautiful creation

