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# Everything Under His Control

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# Relationship With God

What is this special relationship we have with God through Jesus Christ His Son?

*“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”*

*Philippians 3:20-21*

The Apostle Paul uses a Greek military term to describe God's ability to subdue all things to Himself. *Hupotasso* means to put something in subjection, to put under one's control, to subdue and rule over. The Bible is full of statements about the power of God to control all things. Why? Just so we know what a powerful God He is? No. God states His power clearly so His people will have confidence in His ability to do what He promises. Paul wrote the Philippians about Christ's power to control **all things** so

they'd have confidence to press on to the goal that stood before them.

*“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”Philippians 3:13-14*

Our goal is **heaven** and life everlasting with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our goal is transformation from our lowly bodies to being like His glorious body. Our real “citizenship” is in heaven. We spend **little** time in physical bodies on earth, but we will spend **eternity** with Christ.

Jesus is not thrown by the day-to-day problems we face. He has the power to bring everything under His control. He has the power to help us face problems and challenges in ways that meet the heavenly goal. He uses that power for a specific purpose.

What are your problems and challenges today? What trials are you going through? What are you facing that you need to get under control? Whatever it is, God can bring it under His control. He can subdue it and bring it under His subjection. Nothing is too hard for God. He will help you face every trial, every problem, every challenge and come out a winner!

Paul was under no delusion. He knew his life on earth was not the peak for a Christian. He knew there was much, much more ahead.

*“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”*  
*Philippians 3:12*

Jesus took hold of us for a purpose. He wants us to be like Him. He's going to change our bodies, change our minds and change our address. We will be with Him and like Him forever! He took hold of us. Let's take hold of His purpose, His vision, His desires today, this week, this year, until we're with Him forever. Let nothing get in our way of "forgetting" what's behind, "straining" toward what is ahead, and "pressing" on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward.

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