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3:10). By His mighty power He made the earth and set the stars in their places, and ordered their courses and they have been the wonder and delight of His creature in all ages. Surely "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork." He pronounced these "very good"—but there was nothing in all that appealed to, or satisfied His heart. Creation was not His inheritance. But those whom He loved and redeemed with His own precious blood, He so prizes as to call them, "the riches of the glory of His inheritance." The apostle prays that our hearts may be able to know this.

(3) The third thing He would have us know is, "the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward, who believed . . . when He raised Him from the dead." There was something more than a display of divine power in the act of God when He raised up Christ from the dead. It was indeed a mighty manifestation of power, before which the world may stand aghast, and behold it in silent wonder. But there was more; there was the "exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward"—which is only revealed by the Holy Spirit to faith. The apostle's prayer is that the hearts of the saints may be enlightened to know this. And this forms the theme of the remaining verses of this section, we turn to the next division for its elucidation.

3. THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST (vs. 20-22).

In order that we may see what was the meaning of Christ's resurrection to us, the apostle first pictures the wonderful exaltation of Christ Himself in that act. *When He raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own*