

4. Describe the different ways in which God's power is at work accomplishing His purposes.

Give some examples of how God's power has been at work in your own life.

5. Look at the requests Paul makes in Ephesians 3:17-19, then consider the fact that God's glory is going to be reflected in and through the Church for all eternity. How is God's glory being reflected in the Church right now?

Does the fact that the Church currently may not be fully and perfectly reflecting God's glory give anyone the excuse for not fully participating with the saints in praise and worship? Why, or why not?

6. How can we personally give God more glory?
7. As an exercise in building your faith together, find a Bible translation of Ephesians 3:20-21 (preferably the New King James, New American Standard Bible, or the English Standard Version). Print it out large enough for everyone in your group to see. Then stand with hands joined and repeat this doxology several times out loud together.

I. A. 2. Shortage.
II. A. Splendor, majesty, character.
II. B. 1. Praise.

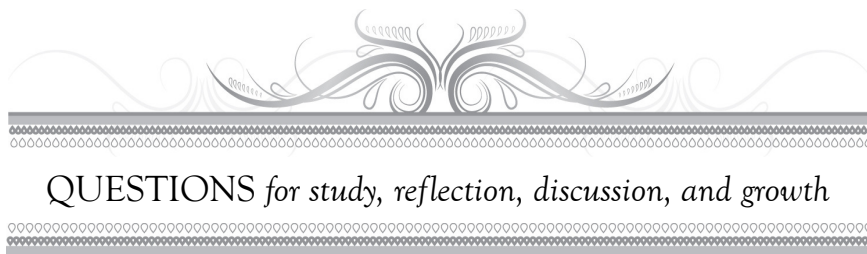


Lesson 14: POWER & GLORY FOREVER & EVER

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The Doxology: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 (NASB)

- I. God's Measureless Power (Ephesians 3:20).
 - A. Abundant in Supply.
 1. Sufficient for our petitions.
 2. Super superlatives are sending us a message! With God, there is no such thing as a power _____!
 3. Hindrances to the working of God's power.
 - a. We have not because we ask not.
 - b. We ask with wrong motives (James 4:2-3).



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

B. Accomplishing God's Purposes.

1. Providential power.
2. Healing power.
3. Sanctifying Power ("*... filled up to all the fullness of God.*" Ephesians 3:19). Sanctifying power is the inner working of God's power to make us more like Jesus Christ.

C. At Work in the Saints.

1. "*... according to the power that works within us.*"
2. What kind of power is at work within us? According to Romans 8:11, it is _____ power.

II. God's Endless Glory (Ephesians 3:21).

A. Defining God's Glory: God's glory is the _____ and _____ of His _____ and being.

B. What then does it mean to give glory to God? When we give glory to God . . .

1. We _____ Him for who He is.
2. In loving obedience we demonstrate with our _____ and our _____ that He is Lord over all.

C. God's glory will be eternally revealed in the Church.

D. God's glory will be eternally revealed in Jesus Christ.

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21.
2. A doxology is an expression of praise to God. Why is it appropriate that Paul inserts a doxology at this point in his letter to the Ephesians?
3. How does the measureless power of God encourage you to keep persevering in your Christian walk?

Why are some of our requests not answered?

How can we be assured that our petitions fall within the plan and purposes of God?