

How Great is our God!

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Ephesians 3:20-21

Paul concludes the first half of the letter to the Ephesians by considering the overwhelming power of God that is able to do more than we can ask or think!

- ❖ “Now” joins together two truths: (1) what God has already done for His people and (2) what God is able to continue to do in the lives of His people!
 - ♦ Asking is limited by our present knowledge or understanding
 - ♦ Thinking or imagining what God *can* do is unlimited!
- “The highest aspiration is not beyond God’s power...”¹

The first three chapters of Ephesians have revealed to us all that God *has already* given to His people:

- f* God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places! *Ephesians 1:3*
- f* God has chosen and predestined us to be his children! *Ephesians 1:4-5*
- f* God has given us redemption and forgiveness through the blood of Jesus! *Ephesians 1:7*
- f* God has lavished us with His grace! *Ephesians 1:8*
- f* God has given us an inheritance and sealed our eternity with Him by His Holy Spirit! *Ephesians 1:11-14*
- f* God has called us to a living hope in Christ! *Ephesians 1:18*
- f* God has given a glorious inheritance here on earth in His church! *Ephesians 1:18*
- f* God has directed His immeasurable power toward us who believe! *Ephesians 1:19*
- f* God has delivered us from the power of sin and Satan! *Ephesians 2:1-2*
- f* God, by His grace, has made us new creations who are no longer under His wrath but are now saved to live our lives for Him! *Ephesians 2:4-10*
- f* God, by the blood of Jesus, has united Jew and Gentile and has given us all access into His holy presence! *Ephesians 2:13-18*
- f* God has made us a family and has given us His Word to build our lives upon! *Ephesians 2:20-22*
- f* God, who created all things, is displaying His Eternal Wisdom to Satan and all of the fallen angels through us, the church! *Ephesians 3:9-10*
- f* God has blessed us with the presence of Christ living in us and has given us the growing ability to comprehend His vast love for us! *Ephesians 3:14-19*

The last sentence in Chapter three is transitional into the next three chapters which will reveal to us *all that God will continue to do in our lives as we yield ourselves to Him!*

- ❖ God will do more than we can ask, think or imagine!
 - ♦ Biblical examples of God’s unlimited power to overcome impossible situations:
 - f God displayed his mighty power to Israelites by supernatural events that were beyond what they could imagine.
 - f Jesus said “... All things are possible for one who believes” and He displayed God’s greatness and power through the many miracles He performed.
 - ♦ Today, what situations seem impossible to you?
 - f God is more than able to meet every need beyond our expectations!

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”
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Endnotes:

¹ Robertson , A.T. *Word pictures in the New Testament*. Nashville: Holman Reference, 2000.

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