

The Exceeding Abundant Power of God

Eph. 3:20-21

Introduction:

- A. Paul explodes with praise (text).
- B. Paul's praise follows a discussion of several manifestations of God's power.

Discussion:

- I. His Ability to Give Us All Spiritual Blessings in Christ (1:3).**
 - A. Adoption (1:5).
 - B. Acceptance (1:6).
 - C. Redemption/forgiveness (1:7).
 - D. Inheritance (1:11-14).
- II. His Ability to Raise Jesus from Death (1:19, 20).**
 - A. To be seated at His right hand (1:20; cf. Acts 2:29-35).
 - B. To a position above all other power (1:21).
 - C. To be head over the church (1:22-23).
- III. His Ability to Raise Us from Spiritual Death (2:1-3)**
 - A. Because of His love, mercy and grace (2:4-9).
 - B. To make us His workmanship walking in good works (2:10).
- IV. His Ability to Bring Jews and Gentiles Together in One Body (2:16).**
 - A. Once alienated Gentiles brought near by blood of Christ (2:11-13).
 - B. Removed the wall of separation — the law (2:14-15).
 - C. Together in God's nation, household and building (2:19-22).
- V. His Ability to Execute and Reveal His Eternal Purpose (3:8-11).**
 - A. The mystery concealed in the mind of God (3:5, 9)
 - B. The mystery now revealed by the mind of God.
 - 1. Through the preaching and writings of Apostles and prophets (3:3-5).
 - 2. Through the existence and function of the church (3:10-12).

Conclusion:

- A. The gospel is His power that works in us (3:6; cf. Rom. 1:16).
- B. In the church is where He is glorified for His power (3:21)