

PAUL'S DOXOLOGY CONCERNING OUR WEALTH IN CHRIST
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

I. The Wealth of the Believer In Christ (chp1-3)

A. The Plan of God for the Church (1:3-14)

B. The Prayer of Paul for the Church (1:15-23)

C. The People of the Church (2:1-22)

D. The Mystery of the Church (3:1-21)

- What is a doxology?

- What is a benediction?

- Some examples:
 - The context here (3:20-21) is Paul's closing _____ or _____ concerning his prayer of apprehension that we have been studying the last 2 weeks!

 - What four things did Paul Pray for?
 - 1) He prayed that God would _____ the heart of every Christian... "*that He would grant you... to be strengthened ... in the _____*" (3:16)

 - Why in the inner man?
 - 2) Paul prayed "*that Christ may _____ in your hearts through _____*" (3:17)
 - 3) He prayed that... "*we may be able to comprehend with all the saints the _____ of God's _____ toward us*"! (3:17b-18)
 - 4) The goal of his prayer was ... "*that you might be filled (to the full) with all the _____*"! (3:19b)
 - a. **Positionally** every believer is already _____ in Christ! (Col. 2:9-10; Eph. 1:3)
 - b. But **practically** we need to be _____ with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18) ...so as to walk _____ -of His calling (Eph 4:1) so as to be _____ in the Lord in order to _____ against the _____ of the devil (Eph 6:10-ff; Phil 2:12-16)

E. A Doxology based on the _____ of God (3:20)

1. Paul begins by praising _____ and His _____ to do _____ than we could ever we ask or think possible when we come to Him in _____!

“is able” (dunamai)

“to do” (poieo)

- Note with me the *adverbs* that modify this verb:

2. What this means is that God can take what we _____ & by His miraculous ability, _____ it as He sees fit!

Some examples:

3. This divine working is according to the _____ that presently seeks to work _____!

“power” (dunamis)

“works” (energeo)

4. We were placed in Christ at the moment of _____, but Christ is presently at work in us in the _____!

F. A Doxology based on the _____ of God (3:21)

- The *purpose* of God for all that he has done concerning His blessing of us is about Him getting all the _____ due His name!

a. Our lives are to glorify God _____!... “Unto _____ be glory”!

b. Our lives are to glorify God _____... “Unto him be _____ in the _____”

c. We are to glorify God _____! ... “in the church to _____ generations _____ & _____!”