

## ***Power Benediction (Ephesians 3:20-21)***

*Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God*

- I. **Understanding the Context**
  - A. A bridge between *indicative* and *imperative*?
    1. The power of God defined in Eph 1:18-23
    2. The power of God displayed in Eph 2
  - B. An audacious prayer (Eph 3:14-19)
  - C. How impossible prayer is answered (Eph 3:20-21)
- II. **Super-superlatives – *Exceedingly abundantly above***
  - A. More than all
  - B. Abundantly above
  - C. What we ask or even think!
    1. How then could we remain silent and neglect prayer?
    2. Romans 8:26-27
    3. Application: Will you be daring in your prayers?
- III. **Where is this power located? – *the power that works in us***
  - A. Not a power that needs to be conjured up
  - B. The power is in you because of the Gospel – the death and resurrection of Christ
    1. Romans 6:5-6, 8, 11
    2. Do you realize that the only reason you are alive in Christ is because God did a powerful miracle?
    3. Are you living a resurrected life?
    4. The only limitation on God's power is your willingness to permit Him to work in you freely.
    5. This sabbatical in light of God's power (1 Cor 2:4-5)
- IV. ***To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations***
  - A. What is the chief end of man?
  - B. For how long?
  - C. The church is to display the glory of God
    1. This vindicates God before the demonic realm
    2. We cannot love Christ and hate His church
    3. Let the 'Amen' sound from His people again
    4. How do we accomplish this in our church?
  - D. Will you glorify Him – yes even become a fanatic for Christ?
- V. **What is your response to Ephesians 3:20-21**
  - A. Do you want to join Paul in exulting in God?
  - B. Is worship your heart's desire?
    1. Luke 15 – the prodigal is alive – sing and dance!
    2. We'll do it in eternity, so why not start now!
    3. Amen!