



EPHESIANS 3:20-21
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INTRODUCTION – Where Are You/I Right “Now”?

Question: “What is the Doxology?”

The dictionary defines *doxology* as “an expression of praise to God, especially a short hymn sung as part of a Christian worship service.” The word *doxology* comes from the Greek *doxa*, (“glory, splendor, grandeur”) and *logos*, (“word” or “speaking”). Most doxologies are short hymns of praise to God in various Christian worship services, often added to the end of canticles, psalms, and hymns.

Definition - NOW

1. At the present time: *goods now on sale; the now aging dictator.*
2. At once; immediately: *Stop now.*
3. In the immediate past; very recently: *left the room just now.*
 - a. Used to introduce a command, reproof, or request: *Now pay attention.*
 - b. Used to indicate a change of subject or to preface a remark: *Now, let's get down to work.*
4. The present time or moment:

Where Are You/I Right “Now”?

I. IN THE NOW...WE SEE THE...

- A. **GREATNESS OF GOD**... Ephesians 3:20.. “HE IS ABLE” Greatness of God
God’s nature, deeds and attributes are incomparable, for which he deserves all praise.

1. **God is great**

Jeremiah 10:6

6 There is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and great is Your name in might.

2. **God’s deeds are great**
3. **God’s attributes are great**
 - His great love
 - His great mercy
 - His great anger
4. **God’s gifts are great - He bestows great gifts**
5. **God is greater than human power and pride**

- B. **The Abundance Of God** – Ephesians 3:20

A state of plenty. Since Israel was often restricted in resources, abundance was an important feature of her future hope, and became a symbol of spiritual well-being.

1. **The abundance of divine power**
2. **The abundance of divine grace**
3. **The abundance of God’s future blessing**

Note our text again

Ephesians 3:20
Amplified Bible (AMP)

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us,

C. **Sovereignty of God** – Ephesians 3:20

The fact that God is free and able to do all that he wills; that he reigns over all creation and that his will is the final cause of all things. This is often expressed in the language of kingship.

1. **God is free to do all he wills** -

Psalm 135:6

6 Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

2. **God is able to do whatever he wills**

3. **God cannot be successfully opposed**

Job 42:2

— 2 “I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

REVIEW

Greatness of God... Ephesians 3:20.. “HE IS ABLE”

The Abundance Of God – Ephesians 3:20

Sovereignty of God – Ephesians 3:20

D. **Glory of God – Ephesians 3:21**

The revelation of God’s power and characteristics, sometimes accompanied by visible phenomena.

1. **Glory as an attribute of God**

2. **God’s glory revealed**

In Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:3

— 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

3. **In his people**

Colossians 1:27

27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

4. **In his works**

Psalm 111:3

3 Splendid and majestic is His work, And His righteousness endures forever.

5. **In his kingdom**

CLOSING – Your “Now”?

GREATNESS OF GOD... Ephesians 3:20.. “HE IS ABLE” Greatness of God

The Abundance Of God – Ephesians 3:20

Sovereignty of God – Ephesians 3:20

Glory of God - Ephesians 3:21

WAIT...ONE MORE THING..

“AMEN” – Ephesians 3:21

A Hebrew term expressing the ideas of truth and reliability, often used in prayer and adoration.

Amen as an expression of worship

Amen confirms a grace or blessing

Amen confirms a vow or action

Amen as a title of Jesus Christ