

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
March 12, 2023

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This morning's message is taken from:

Ephesians 3:20-21

OUR EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABLE GOD

Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #210, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Opening Prayer

Hymn #343, "Amazing Grace"

Announcements

Church Family Time

Message

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1-7

Hymn #56, "To God Be the Glory"

Last verse of Hymn #343, "Amazing Grace"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #210: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Has thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "amen" sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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Hymn #343: Amazing Grace

John Newton

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of the New Testament letter of Ephesians; and is taken from Ephesians 3:20-21

PRAISE TO THE GOD WHO IS ABLE!

The apostle Paul offers a prayer that summarizes all that he has written (Ephesians 3:14-19). He prays that we would be "filled with all the fullness of God". But how could such a thing be? As he shows us in a closing doxology, it is only by God Himself that such a thing can be done in us. And He is wondrously able!

As these closing words show us, we owe praise to God who is surpassingly able to glorify Himself in us through Christ.

1. HOW 'ABLE' HE IS (v. 20).

a. His ability is inexpressibly unlimited.

(See Philippians 1:3-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Jude 24-25.)

b. His power is at work in us presently.

(See Ephesians 1:19-23; 3:16; Colossians 1:28-29.)

2. HOW 'PRAISEWORTHY' HE IS (v. 21).

a. His glory is in His church through Christ.

(See Ephesians 3:10.)

b. His praise will endure eternally.

(See Romans 11:33-36; Hebrews 13:20-21).

Conclusion:

Romans 8:18



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Now to Him
who is able to do
exceedingly abundantly
above all that we ask or think,
according to the power
that works in us,
to Him be glory
in the church
by Christ Jesus
to all generations,
forever and ever.

Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21, nkjv

Congregational Scripture Reading:
Psalm 145:1-7 (NKJV)

(Leader reads the italicized text; Congregation reads the boldfaced text)

*I will extol You, my God, O King;
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.*

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.**

*One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.*

**I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
And on Your wondrous works.**

*Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts,
And I will declare Your greatness.*

**They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness,
And shall sing of Your righteousness.**

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Hymn #56: To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby

To God be the glory—great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Chorus

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood—
To every believer, the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Great things He hath taught us; great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus

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Closing: Last Verse of Amazing Grace

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Thank you for joining us!

Be sure to visit our website at www.bethanybible.org for sermon and Bible Study notes – and join us each Wednesday at 10:00AM (PST) for our Wednesday morning Bible study (broadcast at 12PM PST)!

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Thank you, and God bless you!