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Epistle to the Ephesians: Doxology (3.20-21)

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1. Meaning
 - a. The word, "Doxology"
 - b. It means, "A word of praise or glory to God"
 - i. Our lives must give praise and give glory to God
 - (1) Our lips and mouths to sing praises and glorify God
 - (2) Our body to walk in the way of the Lord
 - (3) Our gifts, talents be used to serve God
 - ii. We give a word of doxology in worship of God
2. He deals with a possible unbelief
 - a. Do we believe what we have prayed?
 - i. Does Christ dwell in our hearts?
 - ii. Can we comprehend the breadth and depth of God's love - do we know it?
 - iii. Do we know Christ personally? Do we know His love?
 - b. The apostle reminds himself that God is able to answer our prayers more than we ask or think
 - i. Do we ask for everything we need? The obvious answer is: NO.
 - ii. God still answers our prayers, especially those things we need
 - iii. How you wish to have a father or mother that knows what we want to ask before we can say it? Psa. 139.4
 - iv. God answers our prayers according to His mighty power in us
 - (1) It is the power of the Holy Spirit who teaches us God's Word
 - (2) He leads us to pray according to His will (Rom. 8.22)
3. The glory of God is seen in God's mighty work centrally in the church
 - a. It is a miracle that God has the church for us!
 - b. It is a miracle that God has brought each of us to be in the church, with our peculiar traits and habits
 - c. It is a miracle that God has transformed us
 - i. From sinners to saints
 - ii. From without Christ to be in Christ
 - iii. From strangers to citizens of heaven
 - iv. From hell-bound to heaven bound
 - d. Praise be to God!