

**Exceedingly abundantly  
Eph 3:20**

**I. Introduction**

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**II. Now to Him who is able to do**

**A. God is able...**

1. because He is \_\_\_\_\_.

a. We see His omnipotence in His work in \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Gen 1:1-9,31

2) Is 40:12-14 (TBKC pp1092)

b. We see His omnipotence in His \_\_\_\_\_.

1) Almighty God or El Shaddai. (Gen 17:1)

2) Abraham's life is similar to the Christian life – lessons learned

i) Abraham's faith was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ was seen in the fulfilling of God's promises. It does not mean denial or lack of strength.

iii) In moments of weakness, alternative plans are made, plans that do not characterize \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in an all powerful God.

iv) Human efforts to assist in the fulfilling of God's promises \_\_\_\_\_ the matter.

**B. God is Able because He is \_\_\_\_\_ !**

1. Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_

2. God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of all things and rules all things

**C. God is Able because He \_\_\_\_\_**

**III. exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or think**

**A. Paul has confidence in the \_\_\_\_\_ to both hear and answer prayer.**

1. Paul's overflowing praise of God reflects the unbounded bounty of his \_\_\_\_\_ to bless his people in response to their \_\_\_\_\_:

a) He is able to *do* or to work, for God is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ (contrast the dumb idols in Ps. 115:1-8).

b) He is able to do what we *ask*, for he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the very prayers that he commands we pray!

c) He is able to do what we ask or *think*, for he reads our \_\_\_\_\_, and sometimes we imagine things which we are unable to articulate and therefore do not ask. In other words, his ability to provide for us must \_\_\_\_\_ be measured by the limits of our spoken requests. (Rom 8:26)

d) He is able to do *all* that we ask or think, for he \_\_\_\_\_ it all and can perform it all. There is nothing that is proper for us to have that transcends or outstrips his to perform.

e) He is able to do *more . . . than* (*hyper*, "beyond") all that we ask or think, for his expectations are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ than ours. (Is 55:8)

f) He is able to do much more, or *more abundantly*, than all that we ask or think, for he does not give his grace by \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom 5:20)

g) He is able to do very much more, *far more abundantly*, than all that we ask or think, for he is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ (the single Greek word that stands behind this idea, *huperekperissou* (see 1 Thess. 3:10; 5:13), has the idea of an extraordinary degree, considerable excess beyond expectations, etc.).

B. Our limitations sets boundaries on \_\_\_\_\_ to pray, not \_\_\_\_\_ to bless. (Rom 8:26)

1. We might think we have tried the limit of prayer in crying out to the Lord, yet our asking has been too short a line to reach the bottom of divine ability.

2. Our ability to pray has boundaries.

a. Our prayer is limited by our sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Our prayer is also limited by our \_\_\_\_\_.

c. We are limited in prayer by our lack of \_\_\_\_\_.

1) His power to bless us is not bounded by our power to understand the blessing. Grace is not measured to us according to our capacity to receive, but according to his efficacy to bestow.

\*Think how blessed you are in having such an all-sufficient God

C. Thus we see that there need be \_\_\_\_\_ limit to our prayer.

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#### IV. According to the \_\_\_\_\_ that works in us

A. This is none other than the very \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

1. Same power, that \_\_\_\_\_ Christ from the dead

2. Is inside us to work for \_\_\_\_\_

What about you?