**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

“God is Able”

**INTRO:**

*Oxymoron –A figure of speech in which apparently* ***contradictory*** *terms appear in conjunction*

*“the same difference”*

*“graduate student”*

*“act natural”*

*“genuine fake watches”*

*“anarchy rules”*

*“small crowd”*

*“virtual reality”*

*“soft rock”*

*“death benefits”*

*“civil war”*

*“pretty ugly”*

*“jumbo shrimp”*

*Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

*21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

**This is what is called a “doxology”**

**“doxa” – opinion, glory**

**“logia” – to express**

* He is ABLE
* He is able to DO
* He is able to do EXCEEDING
* He is able to do exceeding ABUNDANTLY
* He is able to do exceeding abundantly ABOVE
* He is able to do exceeding abundantly above ALL
* He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ASK
* He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or THINK
* God’s ability to work in and through our lives is **limitless**.
* Sometimes we don’t experience this because we fail to **ask.**

*James 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

* Sometimes we don’t experience this because we have asked for something outside of God’s **will** or out of a **selfish** **motive**.

*John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

*14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

*James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

Don’t expect God to grant requests that are unbiblical or harmful.

Don’t expect God to grant requests that are selfish in nature.

Don’t expect God to write you a blank check.

* God’s working, in response to our asking, will always be according to that which will bring Him **maximum** **glory**.

*Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

**Ch. 1-3 – Our wealth in Christ**

**Ch. 4-6 – Our walk in Christ (How we use our wealth)**

Our walk in Christ is entirely dependent upon God’s **power** and entirely for the purpose of **God’s** **glory**.