

G R O W T H N O T E S

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:18-23

***SERMON TEACHING SERIES:
“From Potential-2-Purpose” – Part 4***

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“God Says ‘I Am Enough & I Have Enough’”

Ephesians 1:18-23

King James Version (KJV): 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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New Living Translation (NLT): 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power

20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

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The Message Bible: I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his

work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

20-23 All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

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MESSAGE BACKGROUND

Like Paul, we should recognize our past failures, mistakes, or sins that would naturally disqualify us from God's favor. Hold onto a sober, humble view of yourself apart from Christ - but don't let shame stop you. Then,

embrace your new identity by grace. Your value and identity come entirely from God's grace and not your own merit. You are not defined by your worst mistake or your greatest achievement, but by the fact that “by the grace of God I am what I am.” Let that motivate you to work hard in serving God and others.

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**P O T E N T I A L - 2 - P U R P O S E A
F F I R M A T I O N:**

“I am what God says I am...I have what God says I have...I can do what God says I can do—

*AND—God says, “I Am Blessed,”—“I Am Chosen”—"I Am More Than Enough"—
“God has POTENTIAL in my life & PURPOSE on my life—AND—I’m Moving From Potential-2-Purpose!”*

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So—If God Says I Am Enough & I Have Enough—Why Do We Struggle?

- *Paul says here in Ephesians, Chapter 1—
‘It’s because we have not yet laid hold on
the exceeding greatness of God’s power
toward us;*
- *So—The primary impediment to our living
strong is that God says the eyes of our
hearts are dull to spiritual reality—AND—
that dullness has three critical
consequences:*
- *1st—We cannot see how the blinding power
of sin is being conquered every day, by the
superior power of God over our lives;*
- *2NDLY—We cannot see the power of God
toward us—because we cannot fully*

visualize the magnitude of demonic forces coming against us;

- **3RDLY**—We don't feel God's power toward us because we do not fully consider what happened to Jesus back then—and what His present role is now in the world and in our lives!
- **IN SHORT**—Our vision has to be sharpened so that we can see the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and what became of Him after His resurrection—as demonstrating to us the greatness of God's power towards us—in this life—and in this time;

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What Is Theology?

Theology is the systematic study of God, divine nature, and religious beliefs, often

focusing on God's relationship with the world and humanity.

What Is Doxology?

A doxology is a short, sung or spoken hymn of praise to God, commonly concluding Christian worship services, hymns, or prayers to glorify the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). The most recognized version, written by Thomas Ken in 1674, begins "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow". It originates from the Greek words *doxa* (glory) and *logos* (word/speaking).

Lyrics to the Common Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

What Is The Connection Between Theology (the study of God) and doxology (praise to God)?

They are inextricably linked as head and heart, where right thinking about God necessarily leads to right worship of Him. Theology provides the foundational, biblical truth, while doxology is the required, heartfelt response of adoration, ensuring that knowledge of God does not remain merely academic but fuels worship.

CONCLUSION

As We Move From POTENTIAL To PURPOSE:

- The twin marks that you have true faith is that you have a love for God—and a love for other people...***

- Paul recognized they had the marks of true belief—so he prayed that God would enlighten the eyes of their heart—so they could know three things:
- #1—HOPE—The Hope To Which They Had Been Called!
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- #2—RICHES—That they and we would know the riches of God’s glorious inheritance in the saints!”
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- And #3—POWER—That they would know the immeasurable greatness of God’s power toward us who believe!”
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- He’s praying that they—AND—us—will get this calling—understand we’re heirs—AND—have been given more than enough power!