



**Ephesians 3:20-21**  
**JOY Forever and Ever Amen**  
**Dr. Jimmy Stewart**  
**April 9, 2023**

---

**Sermon Summary**

There is a pride of man that exists in our American culture that suffocates the glory of God. This pride manifests itself in new ways all the time. It is persistent and persuasive. Any time man tries to deviate from God's created order or to subvert God's plan, his prideful attempt is usurping glory due God! Paul understood and wanted to make sure the Ephesians and all who would read this letter would understand not only the mystery of the Gospel but that every ounce of Glory goes to God. Not even a small amount for the believer and none for the church. There is a temptation that can come with salvation that might result in self glory. Every believer must pray and seek to live in a consistent state of giving glory to God and to God alone. What happens in the life of the believer and the body of Christ, the church, should give glory to God like Christ Jesus did both now and forever! Jesus is our example. He emptied Himself becoming obedient even to death on the cross. The Lord raised Him on the third day and He was glorified in the resurrection by the power of God. The death of Jesus appeared to be the end. The disciples certainly thought so. Even though Jesus prepared them for His resurrection, they did not fully understand. God is always able to do more than we think or imagine. The same God who raised Jesus on the third day is the Lord of our lives and the church. His power has not diminished. His authority has not been reduced. His plan has not been thwarted. His return is imminent. He reigns from on high. He will come for His own. He will judge those who reject His love. He will condemn those who do not believe in His Son. He will punish the prideful who do not live for His glory and His alone! He will commend those who lived in obedience to Him, glorifying Him and who as servants and stewards of His mysteries remained faithful to Him! **(1 Corinthians 4:1-5)**

*Scripture Overview:* ALL the GLORY goes to GOD Himself! He is the only one who is able to save. He is the only one who can work grace and mercy to cover sin by the blood of Jesus. He is the only one who can accomplish this work and any other thing that we would ask or could think. Paul nailed the matter for all time as he concluded this prayer. Here at the end of Chapter Three, where the conclusion of all that God has done for mankind in the person of Jesus comes to an amazing crescendo, Paul offers his highest commendation of praise. Only God is able. Only God does His mighty work within each believer. Only God accomplishes anything of value or worth and He deserves the praise and glory both now and forever and ever through every generation! Amen.

*Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT) 20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. |*

### **Diving Into The Message**

*Now to Him being able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think,*

**Ephesians 3:20**

#### **PRAYER**

*according to the power working in us.*

**Ephesians 3:20**

#### **POWER**

To Him be the glory in the church in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age forever. Amen.

**Ephesians 3:21**

#### **PERMANENCE**

### **To Him the GLORY To Us the JOY**

“Lord, I ask that from your glorious unlimited resources you empower me with inner strength through your Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, make your home in my heart as I trust in you. Help the roots of my spiritual life grow down into your love and keep me strong. Give me the power to understand how wide, how long, how high and how deep your love is. May I experience the love of Christ though it is too great to understand fully. Please make me complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes only from you! Now all glory to you God, who is able, through your mighty power at work within me, to accomplish infinitely more than I might ask or think. Glory to you in my life and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

# LIFE APPLICATION SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

**JOY Forever and Ever Amen**

**Dr. Jimmy Stewart**

**April 9, 2023**

---

## Questions from the Scripture

1. What evidence of individuals gaining glory for themselves do you see in the world? In the church?
2. How do you make sure that God gets the glory in your life? In your church? In your family? Why is this important?
3. Is there anything that God cannot do?
4. Why do we live and pray as if God was somehow limited in his power and ability?

## Life Application Questions

1. What are you praying and asking God to do? In your life? In your church? In your family? In your community? In your business? In our schools? Our nation?
2. How should you pray in order to recognize the amazing power God has over all things?
3. What can you do to make sure God always receives the glory He is due from you? From your church?
4. Pray the prayers from last week. Give glory to God as you worship Him in prayer. Give glory to God as you worship Him together with other believers.