

“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: Unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21no2 KJV

If you could ask for anything, for what would you ask? We often forget “No” is an answer. Do you give your child everything for which they ask? Do you even respond to them if they are being knowingly naughty? A good parent often says, “No!” Believers often assume a “No” answer is an unanswered prayer. We fail to let Truth search our motives and hearts before approaching the Throne of Grace and come away feeling rejected when, in reality, God is actually protecting us from our own lusts and the consequences of obeying them. We forget the instruction, *“Make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.”* Many petitions are spawned in a search for self-gratification. *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”* The strongest plants are found in the most extreme terrains. The more a man indulges lust the weaker he becomes; both physically and spiritually. The same applies to our minds. A mind exercised by Truth is undaunted by evil. *“Let this mind (God’s Word) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”* The mind of Truth is the *“Mind of Christ.”* Jesus prayed for us before Calvary, *“Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.”* God can *“do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the Power that worketh in us.”* That power referred to is the power of God Himself, the Holy Spirit; the Spirit of Truth guiding our thoughts as we meditate on the Word! We should expect requests meant to indulge lust to be denied. *“If we ask any thing ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, He heareth us.”* Paul asked God three times to remove *“the thorn in his flesh,”* but all God said was, *“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”* God didn’t change Paul’s circumstances, He changed Paul who wrote next: *“Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”* It is only when we can see God’s Power and strength in our weaknesses that we truly *“know Him and the power of His resurrection.”* John the Baptist said, *“He must increase, but I must decrease!”* Whether men see *“Christ in you the hope of glory,”* or they see only you depends on your requests to God. God became like men so men could be made like Christ. Believers *“know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”*



There’s nothing I could need or ask,
That for my God would be a task,
His pow’r exceeds eternity,
And only does what’s best for me! -CGP

God’s purpose for man is clearly detailed. *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to HIS PURPOSE. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”* The only condition to our future glory is that we reflect God’s unconditional Love!

“But after that the kindness and Love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of Eternal Life.” Titus 3:4-7 KJV