



**20 Feb 2022**

# **Our God Is Far More**

## **Ephesians 3:20-21**

### **English Worship Service**

10:00 AM • Live In-Person and Online

- Call to Worship
- Worship Through Praise
- Worship Through Giving
- Church Updates
- Community Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Worship in the Word

*Dr. Larry Pabiona*

- Response Song
- Benediction

### **English Worship Service Re-broadcast**

5:00 PM • Live Online



TODAY'S MESSAGE • FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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When we really grasp the love of God for us, it changes us to love God and others more so that we can love and forgive the unforgivable and become more like Christ (“the fullness of God,” i.e., spiritual maturity). But if our doctrine or Bible knowledge doesn’t lead us to worship, it leads to a smug self-righteousness that makes us look down on others and have no heart for the unsaved. That’s why Paul ends his prayer for the Ephesians with a doxology. He wants them to worship.

There are seven truths about God and us from this short passage, with the first six in pairs and the seventh providing a fitting conclusion:

## 1. THE GREATNESS OF GOD:

*“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly...”* (Ephesians 3:20)

- In his attempt to capture in human words the incomprehensible, Paul invents a new word from three in the original, “far more abundantly.”

## 2. THE SMALLNESS OF MAN:

*“than all that we ask or think...”* (Ephesians 3:20)

- More related perhaps to ignorance than faithlessness, we simply are unable to comprehend the greatness of God even in our wildest imagination.

Implication: This is the God we worship and have. Just when we’ve imagined the limits of God, He lets us know that we’ve again underestimated Him. How can we know what to ask God for? By walking with God, we come to know His will, and when we ask according to His will, He hears us, no matter how outrageous or unimaginable the request may be (1 John 5:14).

## 3. THE POWER OF GOD:

### The Power of the Holy Spirit.

- This limitless power of the Holy Spirit is what Paul asked for in his first prayer in Ephesians 1:18-20: *“that you may know... what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.”*





## God's Way to Heaven

### THE GOSPEL

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

### THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

#### God is holy and righteous:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3).

**He requires holiness of us as well:** “Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16).

### THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

#### Christ is the expression

**of God's love for us:** “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** “For Christ died for sins once for all, righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God (1 Peter 3:18).

**Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them (2 Corinthians 5:18).

### WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

#### Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:

If you confess. With your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

### PRAYER:

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner, I believe that you died on the cross in my place, save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Download the study guide:



[bit.ly/GCFStudyGuides](http://bit.ly/GCFStudyGuides)

## 4. THE HELPLESSNESS OF MAN: God Must Work Within Us, Or Nothing Good Can Happen For Us

Implication: What are a few results of this power of the Holy Spirit in us? It cleanses us from sin and makes us righteous in the sight of a perfectly holy God (Romans 8:1). It has “blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 1:3) and “seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6). How does God see us now? Justified and glorified! (Romans 8:30).

What is man without God's Spirit? Strip him of all of the above and sum it up like this: “we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3). “But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death” (Romans 6:21).

## 5. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH: The Church Exists to Exalt God.

*“to Him be glory in the church...” (Ephesians 3:21)*

- When a church is not intentional in pointing people to God and reminding them that worship is always sacrificial, by the spiritual gravity inherent in human depravity, it will fall into the trap prophesied by 2 Timothy 4:3-4: *“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.”*

## 6. THE PERSONHOOD OF CHRIST: Because Christ is God, the Trinity is Exalted Through Him.

*and [to Him be glory] in Christ Jesus...” (Ephesians 3:21)*

- If Jesus was a promoted angel or an elevated man, God could never be exalted fully through Him. It would be sacrilegious. Only God can fully glorify God. In the functional relationships within the Triune Godhead, it was decided from eternity past that God would be exalted in and through Jesus Christ.

## CONCLUSION

### 7. THE ETERNAL GLORIOUSNESS OF GOD

One of the greatest theologians in history, Jonathan Edwards, argued that it would be wrong for God not to delight fully in what is gloriously beautiful and worthy of delight – in Himself and His perfection. While it is utterly sinful for us to delight in our glory because we are imperfect and sinful creations, it is totally right for God because He alone is the absolutely perfect, eternal Creator. And that is why God deserves our worship *“throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!”* (Ephesians 3:21)

# The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Migs Orleans,  
Head of Worship Ministry



## Happy 44 Years again, church family!

We are more or less a year away from celebrating the 45th Year of what has become home to us - whether that has been for just the past few days, weeks, months, years, or even decades. I cannot help but remember how the close of 2017 to the start of 2018 was for us staff - when we were discerning and praying through all the changes and simultaneously preparing for Year 40.

Perhaps that season was meant to remind us of this one? Among many other things, of course. But I am simply referring to prayer - the one discipline that has become our ultimate go-to - whether you are new in the faith or a baby Christian so to speak, or someone who has been walking with the Lord since your younger days, or even someone who is simply looking for answers.

While we are on Year 44, I would like to invite each one in each home to the final Thursday of this anniversary month. On February 24 at 8 PM, let us come together for a church Family Hour of Prayer and Praise. In case you are new to the habit, this pandemic has led us to join a Zoom room on Thursday nights to pray together as a church family. On February 24, however, we will instead go live on GCF's Facebook page and YouTube channel as one church to pray - but also, to praise through song. There is nothing like old-fashioned being still before God and talking to Him directly, but the same self-sufficient King of kings and Lord of lords that continuously glorifies Himself perfectly created music to be used by imperfect people like us. Mysteriously, He receives it when it is offered to Him in worship.

Kapwa-GCF-er, let us continue celebrating being at home in Christ by coming together, praying together, praising together. Kung kaya po, paki-block-off ang 8 PM on February 24 and spend that time on Facebook or YouTube for a Family Hour of Prayer and Praise. We are streaming this live from Auditorium B of the church building, so if you are fully vaccinated and symptom-free - you are very much welcome to join us there, facemask to facemask.

We hope to see you then!

For now, Happy Anniversary, stay safe, and God bless!

# Worship Through Giving



## God loves a cheerful giver.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**



Send a copy of your transaction document to **finance@gcf.org.ph** so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.

If you are led to give, you may do so through the following means:

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Please visit [gcf.org.ph/give](http://gcf.org.ph/give)

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## Covid-19 Emergency Response Efforts

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate **“For COVID-19 Fund”** when you email your transaction document.



# Church Updates



## WORSHIP WITH US ON-SITE

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 AM (ENGLISH) • 3:00 PM (FILIPINO)

#### REMINDERS:

- Vaccination card required at entrance.
- If you (or household) have symptoms, stay home and worship online.
- Good-fitting masks required. Face shields are optional.

### REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays • 8:00 p.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays • 8:00 p.m. • via Zoom

### KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays

- Ages 2-6 — 10:00 a.m.
- Ages 7-12 — 10:15 a.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 p.m.

Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

### TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For medical appointments or questions, contact:

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(9:00 a.m. — 12:00 nn)
- [gcfocluan@gmail.com](mailto:gcfocluan@gmail.com)  
(1:00 — 4:00 p.m.)

### BIBLICAL PORTRAIT OF MARRIAGE Webinar for Couples

Every 1st Saturday (until July 2)

2:00 — 4:00 p.m. • via Zoom

To register, contact Marj (0917 779 1549)

## STAY CONNECTED

On-demand viewing of our Worship Services will be available every Monday.

## GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER & PRAISE

(Songs of Worship, Hymns of Prayer)

### February 24 (Thursday)

8:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Live On-Site and on Zoom

Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763

Passcode: 984990

Livestream available on GCF YouTube and Facebook

## DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen.

Contact us at **GCF ERCC Hotline: 0917 532 7794**

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at: Facebook:

**Greenhills Christian Fellowship**

E-mail:

[pray@gcf.org.ph](mailto:pray@gcf.org.ph)

## ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

Is it your first time today? We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room:

[gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF](https://gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF)

Welcome Form:

[gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)



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