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Ephesians 3:20-21

***The Testimony of the Church:
To Him be the glory in the Church***
God had a plan when He established the church
***The Church needs to refocus on what God has done and
wants to achieve in the Church.***
***The Apostle Paul was just telling us about the wonderful
things God has accomplished through the love of Christ.***

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We have a basic understanding of the innumerable things that God has prepared to give the Church through Christ.

We only have a basic understanding of the innumerable things that God has prepared for the Church through Christ.

I love to focus on the things God has promised to give us and the power that He will use.

It is incomprehensible

It is too wonderful.

Paul told the Ephesians that it is abundantly beyond all that we could ask or think.

He said that God wants to fill us up to the measure of the fullness of God.

The very idea is beyond our ability to reason.

God is infinite in being, wisdom, power, glory, righteousness, mercy, grace, joy, and holiness.

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Christ's suffering was not in vain.

What He endured on the Cross is full of the power to produce God's intended effect in us.

God is ready to do more than revive us.

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What is the affect God desired when He gave the gift of His Son?

***God is ready to fill us up with His fullness.
God wants to impart His nature into us and fill us with His Own Spirit.***

The impact of this is immeasurably more that we can imagine.

Having said that; what is the affect God desired when He gave the gift of His Son?

God purposed to change us so dramatically that we would no longer bear the nature of our previous selves.

God's purpose is to raise us up to a higher level.

His intent is to fill us so full of His nature, power, and character that it exalts the glory of God.

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Notice the connection of the Church with Jesus Christ.

God has been glorified in His Son, Jesus Christ.

He will also be glorified in Him in eternity.

The Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Paul to tie the Church in with that glory.

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God is going to be glorified in the Lord's bride, the church.

This surpasses and excels beyond all of the glory

*God is going to be glorified
in the Lord's bride, the
Church.*

*that God has revealed until the Church.
God wants to give to us super-abundantly in order
to demonstrate His own goodness.
What He does in the Church will redundantly glorify
God throughout eternity!
God is worthy of all praise.*

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I want to demonstrate the extent of what is being said.

Listen to this:

Psalm 148 (NIV) Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created. He set them in place forever and ever; He gave a decree that will never pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his

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Consider this.

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How is God going to be glorified in the Church?

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Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)
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Look at these points:

He will make the church holy

He will cleanse the church through the word

He will present a radiant, stainless, wrinkle free, blemish free, holy, and blameless church to Himself.

Think about what Christ has done to make this possible.

He loved us and gave Himself for us.

He suffered and died for us.

He conquered hell, death, and the grave for us.

He defeated the power of sin for us.

He overcame principalities, and powers and rulers of darkness for us.

May the Lord receive the glory and praise from the Church that is worthy of His suffering.

Take a hard look at the Church.

What is the testimony we are carrying?

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	<p><i>God deserves more out of us. He deserves a holy Church. He deserves a powerful Church He deserves a Church full of love, joy, and peace. He deserves a Church that is full of the Holy Spirit. He deserves all of us.</i></p>
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