

Overflowing Power (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Introduction

- What does the Greek word περισσευω (perisseuo) mean?
- What is Ephesians 1 - 3 full of?
- What is Ephesians 4 - 6 full of?
- What are some of Paul's big prayer requests in Ephesians 3:16-19?
- Has Paul gone over the top?

i The truth Paul teaches

- What is the first layer of truth which Paul teaches in v20?
- What is the second layer of truth which Paul teaches?
- Give an Old Testament example of this.
- What is the third layer of truth which Paul teaches?
- What is the fourth layer of truth which Paul teaches?
- What is a very literal translation of the word Greek word ὑπερεκπερισσού (huperekperissou), which the NIV translates as "immeasurably"?
- Even though Paul invents a word here, does he manage to express how powerful God is?
- What does this teach us about God?

ii The consequences of the truth Paul teaches

- What is the first consequence for us of what Paul teaches?

- Why does Paul's teaching stimulate prayer?
- How does that apply to us as individuals?
- Why does it apply strongly to us as a church at the moment?
- What is the second consequence for us of what Paul teaches?
- With what sort of attitude do we sometimes serve?
- What do we need then?

iii The result of the consequences of the truth Paul teaches

- What does Paul ascribe to God in v21?
- What is our calling as a church and as individual Christians?
- What does the word "Amen!" mean?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?
- What do you need to do if you are a Christian who has gone off the boil?