

God is able

*“And God is ABLE
to bless you Abundantly
(make All grace Abound to you),
so that in All things,
at All times,
having All that you need,
you will Abound in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8*

Introduction

Our God is Able

“Now to Him who is ABLE to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.” Ephesians 3:20-21

Christianity is not just a creed that we adhere to, not just a philosophy or code of ethics. No, Christianity is the very life of God displayed in redeemed, fallen humans. God is glorified in this world by displaying His goodness and His power through the weakest of human vessels. It is not about empowering us to be a better me, it is about the display of Christ in human frailty. Paul said He is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above what we can ask or even think, that is huge. Whatever your idea is about what life could be like, it is far too small. The Lord’s plans are far greater than we have considered. Matthew Henry made some interesting observations on this verse:

“Take notice how he describes God, and how he ascribes glory to Him. He describes Him as a God that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. There is an inexhaustible fullness of grace and mercy in God, which the prayers of all the saints can never draw dry. Whatever we may ask, or think to ask, still God is still able to do more, abundantly more, exceedingly abundantly more. Open thy mouth ever so wide, still He hath wherewithal to fill it. Note, in our applications to God we should encourage our faith by a consideration of His all-sufficiency and almighty power. According to the power which worketh in us. As if he had said, we have already had a proof of this power of God, in what He hath wrought in us and done for us, having quickened us by His grace, and converted us to Himself. The power that still worketh for the saints is according to that power that hath wrought in them. Wherever God gives of His fullness, He gives to experience His power.”

God has given His fullness to you for you to experience His power. One of the great places He reveals this power is in the place of prayer. As you tap into God, praying in the Spirit, don’t be surprised at the demonstration of His power. He loves to display His Glory. That is what the earthly life of Jesus was about and that is what the outpouring of His Spirit is about. Today, He is at work, the beauty of this is that He is at work in us and through us and for us so that we display His Glory.

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God is able to Save

Hebrews 7:25, “Consequently, He is **ABLE** to **SAVE** to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Saved, *sozo* (*sode-zoe*); Strong’s #4982

To save, heal, cure, preserve, keep safe and sound, rescue from danger or destruction, deliver. *Sozo* saves from physical death by forgiving sin and its effects. *Sozo* in primitive cultures simply means, “to give new life” and “to cause to have a new heart.”

(See Luke 7:50)

1. What does the word “UTTERMOST” mean?

To me, this verse is breathtaking!!! Uttermost!!! One of those words we seldom use or hear but it carries rich meaning for all of us helping us to understand the nature of salvation and conversion. Uttermost, first of all, means _____ and _____. This salvation, purchased by the cross and enacted by His intercession, changes us completely. It is more than a cover up of past sins but a destruction of who we once were and the creation of a brand new you. Redemption is made complete as we are transformed into beautiful sons and daughters. Secondly, this work of salvation is eternal. Uttermost reeks of permanence. We are saved by grace never to return to what and who we once were. We are thoroughly and totally transformed.

2. How is this possible?

Adam Clarke writes, “Because He is an everlasting priest, and has offered the only available sacrifice, He is able to save, from the power, guilt, nature, and punishment of sin, to the uttermost, to all intents, degrees, and purposes; and always, and in and through all times, places, and circumstances; for all this is implied in the original word: but in and through all times seems to be the particular meaning here, because of what follows, He ever liveth to make intercession for them; this depends on the perpetuity of His priesthood, and the continuance of His mediatorial office. As Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world, has an everlasting priesthood, and is a continual intercessor; it is in virtue of this that all who were saved from the foundation of the world were saved through Him, and all that shall be saved to the end of the world will be saved through Him. He ever was and ever will be the High Priest, Sacrifice, Intercessor, and Mediator of the human race.”

3. What is one of the jobs of the Heavenly High Priest?

Hebrews 13:20-21, “Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will,”

To _____.

Make You Complete, *καταρτίζω* (*kat-ar-tid'-zo*)

Strong's #2675

to complete thoroughly, that is, repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust: – fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect, prepare, restore

Zodhiates Word Study

The fundamental meaning is to put a thing in its appropriate position.

This word, *katartidzo*, describes the heavenly ministry of our Heavenly High Priest. Today, Jesus is representing His sons and daughters before the Father in heaven. Paul says He lives forever to make intercession for us. This intercession is what makes me clean in the Father's eyes, His blood makes me acceptable to the Father and also cleanses my conscience from the stains and shame of sin. As the word *katartidzo* describes, He is adjusting and repairing my life through forgiveness and acceptance, what a powerful ministry.

In Hebrews 7:25 Paul declared that this Heavenly Shepherd is able to save us to the uttermost. That means totally and eternally. Today, Jesus is not dormant, waiting to return to the earth, He is constantly ministering to all that call upon His name. He is adjusting, repairing, healing, restoring, and empowering His flock. He is making you complete, after all, He can save to the uttermost.

4. Is redemption a complete work?

Redemption is thorough and final. This word has been proven over and over again in our church as people have come out of the darkness and the bondage of sin throughout the years we have gathered together. They have found forgiveness through His blood, and become holy people of God. We believe in the redeeming work of God because we see Him saving people to the uttermost every day.

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

What does the Lord want to do in your life as a result of salvation?

Isaiah 43:18,19,-“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth.”

- **Former things** are those that have occurred during the last few years... recent things or things that are still fresh in our memory... those things people talk about for days afterwards. They seem to be conversation pieces. This verse challenges us to turn 180 degrees and start planning for a good future.
- **Things of old** go back in time... back to antiquity. History, tradition, and past ages can be included in these things of old. The verse commands us to leave the past and get ready for the future. The Lord has new things for us. It is impossible to look in two directions at the same time. Clinging to past memories could cause us to pass up the new things and miss out altogether on good things He has planned for us.
- **A new thing** is challenging. It refers to something fresh, exciting and exhilarating rather than predictable, lackluster, dull, boring, or routine. The Lord promises to put us on a daily diet of challenges all to stimulate and build our faith. Each day can be another unfolding of the divine drama in our life.
- **Now it shall spring forth.** The phrase to spring forth means the same as *to sprout*. It refers to a plant growing out of the ground. God's word is a seed planted in the heart. Faith causes it to germinate and sprout. The end result is fruitfulness. Instead of living in the past you and I can now lead fruitful productive lives.

ANSWER KEY:

1. Totally and Completely; 3. To Make You Complete

God is able to Heal

*Matthew 9:27, 28, Two blind men cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" Jesus turned and asked, "Do you believe that I am **ABLE** to do this?" When they answered, "Yes, Lord," Jesus touched their eyes and made them to see.*

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Heals, *rapha'* (rah-phah); Strong's #7495

Exodus 15:26, "For I am the Lord who heals you."

To cure, heal, repair, mend, restore health. Its principle form *rophe'*. "one who heals" is the Hebrew word for doctor. The main idea of *rapha'* is physical healing. Some have tried to explain away the Biblical teaching of divine healing, but all can see that this verse speaks of physical diseases and their divine cure. The first mention of *rapha'* in the Bible (Gen. 20:17) refers unquestionably to the cure of a physical condition, as do references to healing from leprosy and oils (Lev. 13:18; 14:3).

Scripture affirms "I am Yahweh your Physician".

1. How are we healed today?

We are healed by the _____ of the _____ of _____.

Mathew 15:29-31, "Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. And great crowds came to Him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at His feet, and He healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel."

Sickness often leaves us in a hopeless state. Even with the modern medical care we have today being sick can be quite miserable. The doctors can diagnose and treat but only the Lord can heal and bring about recovery. In today's passage we see many hopeless, suffering individuals healed by the faith of the Son of God. He is still healing today and His faith is readily available to us. Where can I experience this supernatural faith? It comes when we draw near to the Lord. He may not be here physically but He is here in the written word and in the person of the Holy Spirit. You get close to Him and His faith will activate in you. It's in that place that healing and recovery will come.

2. What is the wonderful work of the Savior?

He sent His _____ and He _____ them.

Matthew Henry writes, “Here were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, brought to Christ. See what work sin has made! It has turned the world into a hospital: what various diseases are human bodies subject to! See what work the Savior makes! He conquers those hosts of enemies to mankind... He sent His word, and healed them. All diseases are at the command of Christ, to go and come as He bids them. This is an instance of Christ’s power, which may comfort us in all our weaknesses; and of His pity, which may comfort us in all our miseries. They wondered, and well they might. Christ’s works should be our wonder. It is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous. The spiritual cures that Christ works are wonderful. When blind souls are made to see by faith, the dumb to speak in prayer, the lame to walk in holy obedience, it is to be wondered at.”

3. What must we do to experience His healing power?

So go ahead and push in a little closer to Jesus. You can even reach out and touch Him by faith. Your misery will soon begin to leave and your time of recovery will begin. Jesus is still healing every kind of sickness and physical condition. Why not you; why not today?

4. He is able, but is He willing?

Luke 5:12-13, “And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately the leprosy left him.

Matthew 14:14, “And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.”

When the Lord saw the crowds and saw the misery in their faces, He was stirred in His soul. He loved them, He loves us; He loves you. He wasn’t willing to leave them in their misery so He set ought to do what only He could. First, He taught them the word of God. This is the true food for the soul that all of us need. Obviously, they weren’t getting that spiritual food from the religious leaders of their nation so Jesus began to teach and feed them His word. Secondly, He healed their bodies. Mankind is suffering in his body as a result of our fallen condition. It is His word and His touch that heals us. Jesus recognized the afflicted in the crowd that day and He did what only He can do, He began to heal their broken bodies. Lastly, He served up a plentiful feast. He multiplied the fish and the bread and the crowds who had followed Him for three days, they all ate their fill.

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

What two things are inseparable?

Psalm 103:3, " Who forgives all your iniquities , who heals all your diseases."

_____ and _____ are inseparable. The same Lord who forgives our sins, heals our diseases. In the Old Testament and the New Testament, the word salvation is all-inclusive, including within its meaning forgiveness, reconciliation, deliverance, healing, safety, rescue, setting at liberty.

When Israel left Egypt, the sacrificial lamb slaughtered served two purposes. The blood of the lamb sprinkled on the doorposts protected the people from the judgment of sin that came that Passover night. The flesh of the lamb was eaten to provide sustenance and strength for the journey ahead. The physical benefits were so great that Psalm 105:37 states of God's people... *there was none feeble among His tribes*. One lamb covered both spiritual and physical needs.

Jesus went about forgiving sins and healing the sick (Acts 10:38). He told the twelve to do the same. He told the seventy to do the same. He could have told the five hundred to do the same. Everyone called to preach the Gospel of forgiveness of sin is also told to heal the sick. The two are inseparable.

Every time we take communion, we are reminded of mans two areas of need: spiritual health and physical health. The cup reminds us that the blood of Jesus takes away our sins. The wafer, or broken bread, reminds us that with His stripes we are healed. Salvation and healing comes to us through the life and death of Jesus Christ. You can claim them both!

ANSWER KEY:

1. Faith, Son, God; 2. Word, Healed; Salvation and Healing

God is able to Deliver

*Daniel 3:17, “God whom we serve is **ABLE** to **DELIVER** us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand...”*

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Made free, *eleutheroo* (el-yoo-ther-ah-oh); Strong’s #1659

*Romans 8:2, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has **made me free** from the law of sin and death.”*

To liberate, acquit, set free, **DELIVER**. In the New Testament the word is used exclusively for Jesus’ setting believers at liberty from the dominion of sin.

1. Why can we be confident that He is able to deliver us from our fiery trials either brought on by others or brought on by our own temptations?

Because our _____ are in _____.

Psalm 31:15, “My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.”

What an incredible promise from The Lord, “*my times are in His hand*”. The day I was born is in His hand, the day I got saved was in His hand, the day I take my last breath is in His hand. This truth can be incredibly comforting, it is impossible to kill one of God’s children before their time is up. The Lord orchestrates our lives for His purposes. Are you worried about a disease? Your times are in His hand. Are you worried about a home invasion? Your times are in His hand. Are you worried about terrorist attacks? Your times are in His hand. Nothing can separate you from the love of God; neither life nor death or persecution or famine or armed robbers, nothing can separate you from the love of God revealed to us in Christ.

2. What is in His hands?

Albert Barnes writes, “That is, I said this in my trouble; when my friends forsook me, and when my enemies came around me and threatened my life. The meaning is, that all that pertained to him was under the control and at the disposal of God. He would ” live” as long as God should please. It was His to give life; His to preserve it; His to take it away. All in relation to life – its origin – its continuance – its changes – its seasons – childhood, youth, middle age, old age – all was in the hand of God. No one, therefore, could take his life before the time that had been appointed by God, and he might calmly commit the whole to Him. This we may feel in all seasons of life and in all times of danger; of sickness; of feebleness. We shall live as long as God has appointed; we shall pass through such changes as He directs; we shall die when and where and how He chooses. In the faithful discharge of our duty, therefore, we may commit all these things to Him, and leave all at His disposal.”

3. What will this promise fill us with?

This promise not only gives us peace but can also fill you with _____. Think about the three Hebrew children that stared down the King of Persia because they knew their times were in the hand of the Lord. Then of course there is Peter speaking to the Sanhedrin unafraid of their threats, and who can forget Paul as He pleaded for souls as He was headed toward his execution. Then last of all there is Jesus who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate. He told him that he could not take His life from Him, He was laying it down willingly according to the Father’s plan. Wow!! Jesus knew His life was in His Father’s hand, what about you? Today, if you are in Christ, you are in the safest place of all, even in the midst of apparent disaster, my times are in His hand.

4. Why do we all need to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:4, “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”

Why do we all need to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Actually, there are many answers to that question found in the Bible. The Holy Spirit fills us with boldness to testify about our faith. Stephen teaches us that we can look into heaven and have a glimpse of Jesus and His glory when we are filled with the Spirit. The disciples needed the Holy Spirit to fulfill their individual callings. Even Jesus, ministering as a man filled with the Holy Spirit, was totally dependent on this anointing for Him to move in the power of signs and wonders.

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

What way of escape does He provide to cause us to be delivered and set free from the fiery trials that come our way?

The Spirit of the Lord.

Isaiah 59:19, “when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.”

1 Corinthians 10:13, “God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

The original Hebrew word translated standard in this verse is *nuwc* (*noos*). It is an unusual word signifying something displayed in order to put to flight or to chase away opposition so that a person can escape or be delivered. The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard (*nuwc*) not only to turn back the floodtide of the enemy that comes against us, but also to deliver us and give us a way of escape. Our God not only promises to stop the opposition in its tracks, but to show us the way through to our next point of victory.

The image *nuwc* gives is that of a brake and an accelerator on an automobile, The Lord tells us that He will put the brakes on the enemy and at the same time will accelerate our forward progress. The enemy will go back to his starting place, turned back by the Spirit of God. We, on the other hand, will get on with living. We will be set free to go ahead and fulfill the will of God in our life. Satan goes backward while we go forward. This exchange puts us way ahead of the opposition and the competition.

Isaiah referred to “...those who turn back the battle at the gate” (*Isaiah 28:6*). As in the expression: “the gates of hell” (*Matthew 16:18*), this alludes to the place from which Satan’s malignant forces issue. To “turn back the battle at the gate” is to drive Satan back to his starting place. This action frees us to get on with our journey, to press on to even greater levels of victory and triumph in Christ.

ANSWER KEY:

1. Times, His Hands; 3. Boldness

God is able to keep you from Stumbling

Jude 1:24, "Now to Him who is ABLE to KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy... "

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Kept, *phroureo* (froo-reh-oh); Strong's #5432

1 Peter 1:5, "...kept by the power of God"

A military term picturing a sentry standing guard as protection against the enemy. We are in spiritual combat, but God's power and peace (Philippians 4:7) are our sentinels and protectors.

1. Do we have what it takes inside of our own selves to keep from stumbling?

Matthew Henry said, "Take heed of throwing yourselves out of the love of God to you, or its delightful, cheering, strengthening manifestations; keep yourselves in the way of God, if you would continue in His love."

Pastor Parris Bailey writes, "Years ago when I was such a young Christian and would watch movies like "Thief in the Night", I wasn't so sure I wouldn't in the end take "the mark of the beast" or deny Christ. I mean would I be okay getting beheaded? Even reading the true stories of the Martyrs I would get a chill up my spine. The good news is the more you read the bible you realize it's never really been about you and your ability. THANK GOD! When we become born again, a new nature comes inside of us."

2. How does the Lord strengthen us to keep us from stumbling?

Mc Claren says, "God can and does touch and influence hearts that wait upon Him, so as by His _____ and by His _____, which is the sword of the Spirit, to strengthen their feeble good, and to weaken their strong evil, to raise what is low, to illumine what is dark, and to support what is weak, we have not come to understand the whole wealth of possible good and blessedness which lies in the Gospel. This generation has forgotten far too much the place which the work of God's Holy Spirit on men's spirits fills in the whole proportioned scheme of New Testament revelation. It is because

we believe that so little, in comparison with the clearness and strength of our faith in the work of Jesus Christ, the atoning sacrifice, that so many of us find it so foreign to our experience that any effluences from God come into our hearts, and that our spirits are conscious of being quickened and lifted by His Spirit!”

3. What is my job in this process?

How refreshing to know that Christ is watching over His word in my life. My job is to _____ out and _____ His reigns. The Christian life is not a self-improvement course but totally a supernatural life that never ends. If we have God’s help, the stumbling-stone will no more be a stumbling-stone, but a stepping-stone to something higher and better. For every temptation overcome brings strength to overcome the next challenge. When Christ prayed in the gospel of John He wasn’t praying for “those in the world” but the ones He chose. By the grace of God we responded to His voice and by the grace of God He will lead us home. Not only does He promise to keep us but to present us as the bride of Christ! Wow! Let your spirit be opened to this precious gospel. It’s a Win-Win!

4. How are we “kept” by God?

We are kept by the _____ (*dunamis*) of God.

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Power, *dunamis*, (*doo-nam-is*); Strong’s #1411

Acts 4:33, “And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all.”

Energy, power, might, great force, great ability, strength. (Compare dynamic and dynamite). The *dunamis* of Jesus resulted in dramatic transformations.

This is the norm for the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led church.

Colossians 1:11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,

It seems life is getting more and more complicated. Without supernatural help on a continual basis there is not really much chance to survive as a Christian. We deal with temptations from our own flesh, attacks from the enemy, ridicule and mockery from the world, and more recently even outright persecution. This was the advantage the first century church had; it was birthed by the power of God. It’s very existence was supernatural. Without the continual help of the Holy Spirit the church would have not lasted even a few weeks. The fact that it survived and even prospered in that most difficult time is explained only one way; it was saturated, empowered and sustained by

the power of God. If we are to live a different kind of life with different standards than our corrupt society we absolutely need the power of God.

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me."

This statement of faith by the Apostle Paul carries with it an assurance of "in-strengthening" for every child of God.

The Greek word translated "*strengthens*" in this verse is *endunamoo* (*en-doo'-nam-o-o*). It is made up of two Greek words. *En* and *dunamoo*, which is derived from the root word *dunamis* (*doo-nam-is*). *En* is derived as "*within*" or "*positioned as the instrument of action.*" *Dunamis* is the power resident within each individual believer because of the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Thus Paul's word to you and me is: "The Holy Spirit dwells within me. His dynamic power is not inactive or inoperative. He *in-strengthens* me with such power and releases such force that I am made ABLE to accomplish anything in accordance with God's will."

This is true of any Christian. Exploits can be done by any "empowered" and "in-strengthened" believer. Demons flee before the anointed saint of God. Fear vanishes, weaknesses are removed, poverty is banished, infirmities are overcome, obstacles disintegrated, and impossibilities obliterated.

Say it out loud: "I can do all things through Christ who 'in-Strengthens' me." Say it often. Say it enthusiastically. Say it confidently: "I am going to make it, because God is with me, for me, and in me."

ANSWER KEY:

2. Spirit, Word; 3. Reach, Grab; 4. Power

God is able to Provide Make all Grace Abound to You

2 Corinthians 9:8, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, having all-sufficiency, in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Grace, *charis* (*khar-ece*); Strong's #5485

Romans 5:20, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

From the same root as *chara*, "joy" and *chairō*, "to rejoice." *Charis* causes rejoicing. It is the word for God's grace as extended to sinful man. It signifies "unmerited favor", underserved blessing, a free gift.

1. What is Grace?

The Amplified Bible says, "And God is **ABLE** to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient (possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation)." 2 Corinthians 9:8

"But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that ... grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life." (Romans 5:20–21) Grace has been used as an excuse for all sorts of bad behavior. That's what happens when un-renewed minds try to grasp and even expound on the scripture, it's not very pretty. Grace is not the description of God looking the other way to bypass our sorted behavior. Not at all, it's actually the exact opposite. The Lord is very meticulous about our sin, every one of them were dealt with in Christ's crucifixion. He bore my punishment, my sinfulness, so that His righteousness could be credited to my account.

Grace is the _____ of _____ on our souls to see this marvelous truth. Rather than giving us an out to continue in our sins of choice, grace opens our eyes to sin's ugliness. What is our response? We have to run as far away as fast as our legs will carry us. We have been set free by grace, not just covered up. Every generation has had to deal with the corruption of this message of grace. That's what Paul addressed in Romans, its what

Augustine dealt with in Africa, and it is what Luther dealt with in Germany. Today it's still the same, the so called grace message can cause the unsaved to think they are saved and it can cause the Christian to stay carnal and ineffective.

2. Can grace continue to increase in our lives?

Here is how Andrew Murray described it in the 1800's: "This great truth is seldom fully grasped. That sin increases, we know only too well. But do we believe that grace increases all the more, enabling us to overcome sin? It is absolutely essential that you grasp this truth if you want to live a life of abundance in Christ. In 2 Corinthians 9:8, Paul particularly uses the words all and every, denoting abundance: "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." Ask yourself, 'Is the all-abounding life for me?' Your answer should be, 'If God is faithful, it is possible for me!'"

3. Why did Christ come?

THE POINT IS THIS, CHRIST CAME TO GIVE US _____. The life that He came to give is vastly different from what most people settle for. Grace is the pathway to that life. We come out of darkness, we are washed and cleansed by His amazing grace, and then we enter into a new kind of life.

Help Word Studies

Romans 5:20, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

Grace: 5485 *xáris* (another feminine noun from *xar-*, "favor, disposed to, inclined, favorable towards, leaning towards to share benefit") – properly, *grace*. **5485** (*xáris*) is preeminently used of the Lord's *favor* – freely extended to give Himself away to people (**because He is "always leaning toward them"**).

5485 /*xáris* ("grace") answers directly to the Hebrew (OT) term **2580** /*Kaná* ("grace, extension-toward"). Both refer to God **freely extending Himself (His favor, grace), reaching (inclining) to people because He is disposed to bless (be near) them.** (biblehub.com)

From the above definitions, take a look at 2 Corinthians 9:8 again, "God is able to make all grace abound to you, having all-sufficiency, in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." God is able to "lean towards you", "extending Himself", "reaching", "to bless, to be near you." And why? To "make all Grace, abound to you. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Grace, He is Grace Himself and when He leans towards us, extends His very hands to us an _____ takes place of not only His grace

(“unmerited favor- Strong’s #5485) but all His grace gifts (the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, - “charisma gifts – Strong’s #5486) and all His spiritual blessings. (kb)

4. What spiritual gifts (grace gifts) does He want to impart to us (abound to you)?

Romans 1:11-12, “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”

The further we drift away from New Testament Christianity the less power the church has at her disposal. At first glance at the book of Acts one thing was clearly un-mistakeable, Christianity was supernatural. Speaking in tongues, prophesy, spiritual gifts, visions, and dreams, as well as miracles and healings are all there in the first few chapters of Acts. One of the first events was Peter and John healing the lame man in the temple. Remember Peter’s words, “Silver and gold have I none but such as I have I give to you”. What did Peter have? He had the power of God imparted through a spiritual gift. Paul spoke about this in today’s verse, he longed to go to Rome to bring a deposit, the impartation of a _____.

Impart, *metadidómi*; Strong’s #3330

To give, share, impart, distribute, grant. The word implies liberality or generosity. It is used to exhort those with two outer tunics to give one to someone who has none (Luke 3:11); to encourage people to give with cheerful outflow (Rom. 12:8); and to urge workers to labor with industry in order to give to him who has a need (Eph. 4:28).

Gift, *charisma*; Strong’s #5486

Related to other words derived from the root *char*. *Chara* is joy, cheerfulness, delight. *Charis* is grace, goodwill, undeserved favor. **Charisma is a gift of grace**, a free gift, divine gratuity, spiritual endowment, miraculous faculty. It is especially used to designate the gifts of the Spirit (12:4–10). In modern usage, a “charismatic” signifies one who either has one or more of these gifts functioning in his life, or who believes these gifts are for today’s church.

Help Word Studies

5486 /*xárisma* ("grace-gift") divinely empowers a believer to share God's work with others, i.e. Spirit-empowered service to the Church to carry out His plan for His people.
(biblehub.com)

Every minister carries a variety of spiritual gifts. This is the whole basis of ministry. Ministry is not just practical tips on how to live a better life. Ministry is the impartation of God. These spiritual gifts are imparted through preaching, prophetic words, and the laying on of hands. I believe it's time to return to New Testament church life. Our world is in need of this power, nothing else can impact our culture in its present state.

5. So in order to share with and minister to others, what has He blessed us with?

Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all the _____ of the _____ in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus."

We really have no idea of how blessed we really are. Just think about it, **all the blessings of the Spirit of God have been made available to us** by the redeeming blood of Jesus.

Just some of His blessings or even just one would be amazing, but all of them? Really? How big is this promise. If God the Holy Spirit is infinite, that means there is _____ to these blessings. They are truly limitless. They incorporate everything from illumination, the opening up of our spiritual senses to heavenly things, to access into the very presence of God. It includes Son-ship, intercession, victorious living, power for ministry, and best of all intimacy and fellowship with our heavenly friend. It is by walking in the Spirit that we begin to implement these unspeakable blessings into our daily lives. We have more available to us than we can ever know.

“There is a great difference between the blessings of the Spirit and spiritual blessings. The person of the Holy Ghost is worth more than all His gifts.” A.B. Simpson

Learning how to walk in the Spirit becomes our lifelong quest. It all starts by recognizing your need of the Spirit in your daily life. From there, you learn how to drink, or take in, the Holy Spirit into your life. Once drinking becomes part of your life you are well on your way, you are tapping in to all the blessings of the Spirit purchased for you.

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

What is multiplying faster than sin?

Romans 5:20, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

The Apostle Paul had a way with words that made their truth loom up clearly and powerfully. One habit was that of adding intensifiers to words to sharpen their impact. *Romans 5:20, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."* For example, when speaking of sin in this verse, Paul used the Greek word *pleonazo* (*pleh-on-ad-zo*) which refers to "increase" or "more". Yet when he spoke of God's grace, he added the intensifier *huper* to the verb to create a compound Greek word *huperperisseuo* (*hoop-er-per-is-syoo-o*) which literally means "beyond surplus".

The Bible assures us that as we draw near the end of the age, sin will multiply. We know that with the world's population doubling every generation or less, there is bound to be tremendous increase in wrong-doing, crime, lust, hatred, and sin in all its malignant and hideous forms. Yet as true as that is, Paul would remind us that where sin abounded in times past, God's grace "did much more abound". In other words he is saying: "wherever sin is in "surplus", grace is in "super-surplus."

This verse tells us that although sin is multiplying fast, the grace of God is multiplying even faster. Sin is an outrage that reaches boundaries of the highest heaven. But above all sin, the grace of God is enthroned higher than any evil or wrong doing can ever reach. In relating to this verse to himself, one man said, "I was not running towards God, I was running from Him. I did not go looking for Him, He came looking for me." Such is God's "super-abounding" grace toward us."

ANSWER KEY:

**1. Influence of God; 3. Life, Impartation; 4. Spiritual Gift;
5. Blessings, Spirit, No End**

God is able to Create Something out of Nothing and fulfill His Promises

Matthew 3:9, "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones."

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Created, *bara'* (*bah-rah*); Strong's #1254

Genesis 1:12, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

To form, or fashion, to produce, to create. Originally this verb carried the idea of "carving" or "cutting" out... This suggest that creating is similar to sculpturing. Thus *bara'* is a fitting word to describe both creating by bringing into existence and creating by fashioning existing matter into something new, as God did in "creating" man (Genesis 1:27) out of the dust from the ground. God is always the subject of the verb *bara'*; creating is therefore a divine capacity.

Create, *ktizó*; Strong's #2936

Colossians 1:16, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

Help Word Studies

2936 *ktizō* – properly, **create, which applies only to God who alone can make what was "not there before"** (Latin, *ex nihilo*, **out of nothing**, J. Thayer); figuratively to begin ("found"), especially what is habitable or useful. (biblehub.com)

1. How did God create the earth?

Genesis 1:2-3, "the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light and there was light."

The earth was without form (lacking order- chaos). The Bible says that the _____ of God was _____ over the face of the waters...Hovering connotes "sweeping" or "moving". Think of a mother bird hovering or "brooding" over her babies. "Let there be

light”- was God’s first divine command that began the process of transforming the chaos into life and order. He creates something out of nothing.

2. What continues in our lives today?

Hebrews 11:3, “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

Our lives are one unfolding work in which God Himself is continually _____ and initiating all things spiritual and good in our lives. He takes our nothing and makes something for His glory to be displayed in and through our lives.

Pastor Frank Bailey writes, “Jesus often went back to the way things were in the beginning to teach us, after all He is the beginning of all things. He is the initiator, or author of all things spiritual and good in our lives. He is also the finisher of these things; He authors, sustains, and brings to completion His plans in our lives. His work of creation continues in us at all times. Think about that today, the Lord is present and actively involved in all of the days of our lives. What is our role in all of this? We look to Him daily, follow His plans for us, and trust Him to bring His purposes and plans to completion.

3. What does Christ create?

Martin Luther writes, “In other words, the author of Hebrews is saying that through Christ, the Father continually makes the invisible become visible. He makes what is nonexistent come into existence. A hundred years ago none of us could be seen. People who will be born ten or twenty years from now can’t be seen either. They haven’t been born and don’t exist yet. But when they are born, they will become visible and real. Christ is the one who creates something _____ from the _____. Through him, heaven and earth were created out of nothing. Christ the Lord was present when everything was created. He wasn’t merely a spectator, but was equal to the Creator. He was the Father’s coworker. He will continue to rule and will sustain everything until the end of the world. He is the beginning, the middle, and the end for everything and everyone.”

Pastor Frank writes, “Did you catch that? The Lord will continue to rule and sustain everything until the end of the world. That everything includes your life. Listen to the Lord as He draws near, be willing to change even if it makes you uncomfortable. He is able to start, sustain, and finish everything He proposes.”

4. Who did Abraham believe in?

*Romans 4:16-17, “Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—**God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;***

Abraham did not believe in his own ability to create something out of nothing, but IN THE GOD, WHO GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD AND CALLS THOSE THINGS WHICH DO NOT EXIST AS THOUGH THEY DID. It was God who said, “Let there be light and there was light.”

So if you are believing for God to take your chaos and make something out of nothing start by having faith IN GOD and His ability to do what you cannot. (kb)

5. What was Abraham and Sarah fully persuaded that God was able to do?

*Romans 4:21, Abraham and Sarah was... “Fully satisfied and assured that God was **ABLE** and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised..”*

Abraham and Sarah the one’s who laughed and who had to be reminded “*Is there anything too hard for the Lord?*” had to move from just knowing about the promise to being fully convinced that what God had _____ He was able to _____. Their expectations had to change. “*My expectation is from Him*” —*Psalm 62:5*

Pastor Frank Bailey writes, “Are you expecting? I mean are you expecting something from the Lord? For the expectant mother, she is beyond hoping she is going to have a baby, she is pregnant and a baby is coming for sure. The only question for her is the timing, when will that baby be born? We can learn a great lesson from the expectant mom, we too are not hoping for a fulfillment of our promise, there is a certainty that it is on the way. What is the difference of believing for something and being expectant? The difference is enormous. Many of us are praying or hoping for certain things to come to pass in our lives but that is not expectancy. Expectancy happens when the answer is actually conceived in us by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. When that happens, the promise is certain, timing is the only question.

A.B. Simpson writes, “When we believe for a blessing, we must take the attitude of faith and begin to act and pray as if we already had it. We must treat God as if He had given us our request. We must lean our weight upon Him for the thing that we have claimed and just take it for granted that He gives it and is going to continue to give it. This is the attitude of trust.”

Expect Him to be to you all that you have trusted Him for. When you were first born again you were introduced to this world of faith. Suddenly you realized you were saved by the blood of Jesus. You don't hope you are a Christian, faith assures you that you are His child. All of God's promises are like that, suddenly the light turns on and we move from hoping to knowing. Are you expecting? What kind of promise has been germinated in you? Stay in His word and abide in His presence, His promises are certain and your answer is on the way. (fb)

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

What will there be a fulfillment of?

2 Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God..." The test of validity of a promise is its performance. In Luke 1:45 we are told in essence: "...*There will be a fulfillment of those things promised you by the Lord.*" So standing on the promise of God is not mere wishful thinking or clinging to an impossible dream. A promise from the Lord carries with it its own assurance of fulfillment. In Numbers 23:19, the writer says of God: "...*Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good?*"

But between promise and performance there is a time frame marked patience. It is harder to wait than to move. It is easier to run than to stand still. Waiting for an answer that seems unnecessarily delayed is not really to our liking.

Patiently waiting is valuable because the Lord has instruction for us. While we are waiting, He has our attention. We are ready for correction...reproof...personality adjustments... lessons in obedience. In our times of waiting we learn that we cannot program God, instead we must place our total trust and reliance in Him. We come to realize that the Lord is our sole source of supply.

The benefit of the patient time is two-fold:

- We receive the answer which is so encouraging to our faith.
- We learn valuable lessons of trust and reliance. We learn the power to confessing the promises of God and of obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Not only does a promise assure an answer, it also assures us of valuable instruction in the school of faith!

ANSWER KEY:

1.Spirit, Hovering; 2. Creating 3. Visible, Invisible 5. Promised, Perform

God is able to Exceed your Expectations

Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto Him that is ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY 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."

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Abundantly, *perissos* (*per-is-sos*); Strong's #4053

John 10:10, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Superabundance, excessive, overflowing, surplus, over and above, more than enough, profuse, extraordinary, above the ordinary, more than sufficient.

1. What does Paul challenge us to do in this verse?

Pastor Parris Bailey writes, "Paul loves to paint a picture with words. This scripture in Ephesians is no exception. In this verse, he is talking about our prayer life and the power of God working through us. You see God is able to go beyond our thinking and our asking. He likes to transcend all powers of the mind. I shall never ask too much, I have never thought too much, till I have asked beyond God's ability till I have thought beyond God's ability, which of course is impossible. But yet Paul challenges us to _____ our _____ life to take on petitions beyond our human understanding."

2. What does God's ability to answer prayer far surpass?

John Gill said "Its the Incomparable power of God to grant petitions. This illimitable power displays itself by conferring spiritual gifts in superabundance. Omnipotence is the ability to do all and all that it can do has never been achieved. **God's ability to answer prayer transcends not only our spoken _____ but far surpasses even such _____ as are too big for words, and too deep for utterance.** And still those desires which are dumb from their very vastness, and amazing from their very boldness, are insignificant requests compared with the power of God. For we know little of His promises, and so weak is our faith in them, that we ask not. He gives far more than the boldest prayer can express."

3. What is “that power” he talks about in this verse?

When is the last time you stretched out your dreams and visions and cried to even greater depths and greater heights, until we say, “*thou hast done exceedingly above all that we ask?*” When was the last time you thought of the magnitude of the “*power that is working within us?*” Paul called it _____, its the power that He implanted into His people. This power that works in us is the measure and means of the limitless ability of God to do for us and in us far more than we ask or receive. It’s time to open up the gates and let the King of Glory come in! (PB)

4. How do we tap into this power?

Well by being filled with the fullness of God to overflowing capacity. And taking Paul’s prayer to try to understand the love of God which surpasses knowledge. Reach out to grasp the heights, plunge into the depths and live in its breath.

The Expository Bible said, “Paul saw the plentitude of God’s gifts outreaching him. God’s giving surpasses immeasurably our thoughts and asking, but there must be the asking and thinking for it to surpass. He puts always more into our hand and better things than we expected when the expectant hand is reached out to Him. Man’s desire will never overtake God’s bounty.” I think it’s nigh time we all go back into our prayer closets and let prayer paint our world with the glory of God. (pb)

5. He is able to do far more abundantly, in proportional to what?

Ephesians 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,”

Pastor Frank Bailey writes, “The work of God is supernatural but requires collaboration; in other words our will is a key factor in the way the Lord uses us. Today’s verse is a beautiful picture of the collision of the supernatural and the natural. The Lord is able to do exceedingly abundantly above and beyond what we ask or think according.... According to what? According to the power that is at work in us. In others words the way we are used is in proportion to our _____. He can do anything. He just needs a vessel to work with. That was the whole point of the prayer of Evan Roberts in the revival in Wales, “Bend us Lord!” What was Evan asking for, the bending of our will so that the Lord could be glorified in us. Bend us Lord, we want to see Your glory in us and through us. “

6. Is God Himself living inside of you?

Ephesians 3:20, "According to the power that worketh in us"

Pastor Frank Bailey, "Do you believe that you have the Lord actually living inside of you? I mean really, not just a philosophical or doctrinal belief, but the living Christ living powerfully within you. If you really have the Lord, the Creator of all things and the restorer of broken lives, in your life, I believe He effects every part of you. How could it be possible to have that kind of power in you and it not make a significant difference in every part of your life?"

A.B. Simpson writes, "When we reach the place of union with God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we come into the inheritance of external blessing and enter upon the land of our possession. Then our health and physical strength come to us through the power of our interior life. Then the prayer is fulfilled that we shall be in health and prosper as our soul prospers. Then, with the kingdom of God and His righteousness within us all things are added unto us. God's external working always keeps pace with the power that works in us. When God is enthroned in a human soul, the devil and the world soon find it out. We do not need to advertise our power. Jesus could not be hid, and a soul filled with divine power and purity should become the center of attraction to hungry hearts and suffering lives."

Let us receive Him and recognize Him in His indwelling glory, and then will we appropriate all that it means for our life in all its fullness." So let me ask you again, is Jesus in your life? He is bigger and more dynamic than we can ever know. Our world is changed in proportion, or as today's scripture says, "according to the power that works within us". If Christ is in you, then you are more than a match for whatever challenges you are facing in life. (fb)

WUEST'S WORKBOOK WORD STUDIES:

Is there no limit to what God can do through the saint?

"Paul says that God is able to do super-abundantly above and beyond what we ask or think, and then some on top of that. The word "ask" is *aiteō*, "to ask that something be given"; it is a request of the will. "Think" is *noeō*, "to consider." The power (*dunamis*) that is putting forth energy in us (*energeō*), is the operation of the Holy Spirit in His work of sanctification. God is able to do for us and answer our prayers according to the efficiency, richness, and power of the working of the Spirit in our lives. This latter is determined by the yieldedness of the believer to the Holy Spirit. Thus, the saint determines what God is able to do for him. In His inherent ability, there is no limit to

what God can do in and through the saint. But the saint limits the working of God in and through him by the degree of his yieldedness to the Spirit.”

What a shocking promise from the Lord, “*exceedingly abundantly above and beyond what you can ask or even think*”. In other words, all things are possible, all He needs is a yielded heart. What happens then? First, you are made whole, then He begins to pour through you for His glory. (fb)

ANSWER KEY:

1. Enlarge, Prayer; 2. Petitions, Thoughts; 3 Super Abundant Grace; 5. Yielded-ness

God is able to Accelerate His Work in your Life

Amos 9:13, "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will be dissolved".

1. What does this prophecy describe?

The Bible is filled with prophetic proclamations of things that will happen at the end of this world as we know it. It speaks of everything from famines to earthquakes, it describes the deterioration of human decency as well as all sorts of catastrophic wars and natural disasters. Today's verse is also a prophesy from one of the ancient Hebrew prophets by the name of Amos. Amos was unique in that he was not a priest or a king but he was a simple farmer that the Lord chose to speak through. This particular prophesy from Amos is not about tragic events from natural disasters and is not even talking about wars. This prophesy of Amos describes the _____ this world will ever know. From his knowledge of farming he says the most unlikely thing, "the plowman will overtake the reaper". That is absolutely unthinkable but Amos believed it was true. He said a day of harvest that is so out of the box would come that the harvesters will not be finished gathering the crops in when the planters already are planting in anticipation of another future harvest. Of course Amos is speaking of the last day harvest of the souls of the earth.

2. What is promised to happen in the last days?

Albert Barnes writes, "The harvest should be so _____ that it should not be threshed out until the vintage: the vintage so large, that, instead of ending, as usual, in the middle of the 7th month, it should continue on to the seed-time in November....He describes what is wholly beyond nature, in order that it might the more appear that he was speaking of no mere gifts of nature, but, under natural emblems, of the abundance of gifts of grace." The plowman, "who breaks up the fallow ground," "shall overtake," or "throng," the reaper. The "plowman" might "throng," or "join on to the reaper," either following upon him, or being followed by him; either preparing the soil for the harvest which the reaper gathers in, or breaking it up anew for fresh harvest after the in-gathering."

3. What should we be doing now?

So I say its time for everything to speed up. I feel the power of supernatural acceleration beginning to happen all around us. Get _____ in the work of God, I think its time for the reapers to run.

4. What do prophetic words do?

Romans 9:28, "For the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly."

Pastor Frank Bailey writes, "In March 2018, we had a week of revival services with Rodney Howard Browne. Just before the first service I was going over my notebook of Bible prophecies given to me by Dick Mills over the years. Today's verse was one of those words given to me by Brother Mills. He used it to share with me an expectancy he had for the Lord to enlarge and accelerate the things he was doing at Victory Fellowship. I was kind of caught by surprise when Brother Rodney began to talk about an acceleration of God's work over the next two years. (He spoke about things being accelerated from now until the year 2020). The timing and confirmation of reading that prophesy just before service and Brother Rodney sharing about acceleration was more than coincidental; prophetic words _____ the things that the Lord is speaking over our lives.

Here is that word Brother Mills gave me twenty years ago.

Frank- "I feel the Lord is changing your anointing, your vision, your methodologies, your ministry and is adjusting you for all the changes going on in the world. You'll have a variety of outreach activities as you sow besides all waters – all ethnic groups- all strata of the social order and the un-churched society that are looking for love and acceptance in all the wrong places. Put your spiritual seatbelt on because Romans 9:28 says it will be accelerated!"

In 2000 I received another scripture promise from Dick Mills. He had no way of knowing about those first few performances of Beyond the Grave that had taken place over the past few weeks before he gave me this word from Jeremiah. *Jeremiah 1:11,12, "The word of the LORD came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it." (KJV)*

Dick Mills Word Wealth (SFLB)

Ready, *shaqad*, (*shah-kahd*); Strong's #8245

Jeremiah 1:12, "...for I am ready to perform My word."

Watching, waking, **hastening**, anticipating; to be sleepless, alert, vigilant; on the lookout; to care for watchfully.

Brother Mills went on to explain how the almond tree was the first tree to be harvested each year in Israel. He said it was an indicator to the farmers in Israel of the size of the coming harvest. Applying that word to our circumstances; Beyond the Grave was to be a sign of God's accelerated harvest in the days and years to come.

This week has brought an expectancy in my heart of the acceleration of the work of the Lord. I feel like we have already entered into a new season over the last year, now acceleration will kick in. **Get ready, something amazing is happening all around us.**

Dick Mills Spirit Filled Believers Daily Devotional:

Why should we be getting ready?

Romans 9:28, "For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth." Your God is saying to you; "Your prayer has been heard. I am intervening and responding to your petition. The answer is on its way. I am speeding up the answer, so get ready for a quick and sudden release of divine power in your situation."

The context of this verse is God's dealing with Israel but the word expressed here can be applied to all individuals who put their trust in the Lord for answers to their prayers. When scholars attempt to confine a scripture to a certain community, society, or nation, we must remind them that such masses of people are made up of individuals. A verse spoken to a city is also a word spoken to the individual citizens of that metropolis. This is a verse for us personally, as well as a group of people.

In the Greek text of this verse, the expression "short work" is *suntemno logos* (*soon-yem' no log'-os*). Logos has many definitions, among them "topic", "matter", "a thing", "a report", "a subject", and "a word". *Suntemno* means "to reduce or contract the size of a thing by concise and speedy cutting." Thus we are promised here that God's Word covering final things and the consummation of time will speed up and shortened.

The Lord is doing a “quick work” in His church. Do not be surprised when He accelerates:

- **Your Answers**
- **Your Growth and Maturing**
- **Your Ability to Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth**
- **Your Desires to Please Him and Do His Will**

Acceleration:
**“One minute you don’t have it
the next minute you do.”**
Pastor Rodney Howard Browne

ANSWER KEY:

1. Most Incredible Spiritual Season; 2. Copious; 3. Involved; 4. Confirm

God is able

GOD IS ABLE TO SAVE

He is ABLE to SAVE to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them... Hebrews 7:25

GOD IS ABLE TO HEAL

Two blind men cried out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" Jesus turned and asked, "Do you believe that I am ABLE to do this?" When they answered, "Yes, Lord," Jesus touched their eyes and made them to see. Matthew 9:27-28

GOD IS ABLE TO DELIVER

"God whom we serve is ABLE to DELIVER us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand" Daniel 3:17

"God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it..." 1 Corinthians 10:13

GOD IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING

"Now to Him who is ABLE to KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy..." Jude 1:24

GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE (MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TO YOU)

"And God is ABLE to bless you Abundantly (make All grace Abound to you), so that in All things, at All times, having All that you need, you will Abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

GOD IS ABLE TO CREATE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING, AND TO FULFILL HIS PROMISES

"God is ABLE from these stones to raise up children..." Matthew 3:9

Abraham and Sarah was... "Fully satisfied and assured that God was ABLE and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had PROMISED." Romans 4:21 (AMPC)

GOD IS ABLE TO EXCEED YOUR EXPECTATIONS

"Now to Him who is ABLE to do EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever." Ephesians 3:20-21

GOD IS ABLE TO ACCELERATE HIS WORK IN YOUR LIFE

"For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth." Romans 9:28

