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Paul's Doxology for
Glory to God in the Church
By Christ Jesus Forever and Ever

We have and always will love every word.

Faith cometh by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word of God.

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Every word of God is pure.

Will you embrace 42 words that
God sent to me for you today?

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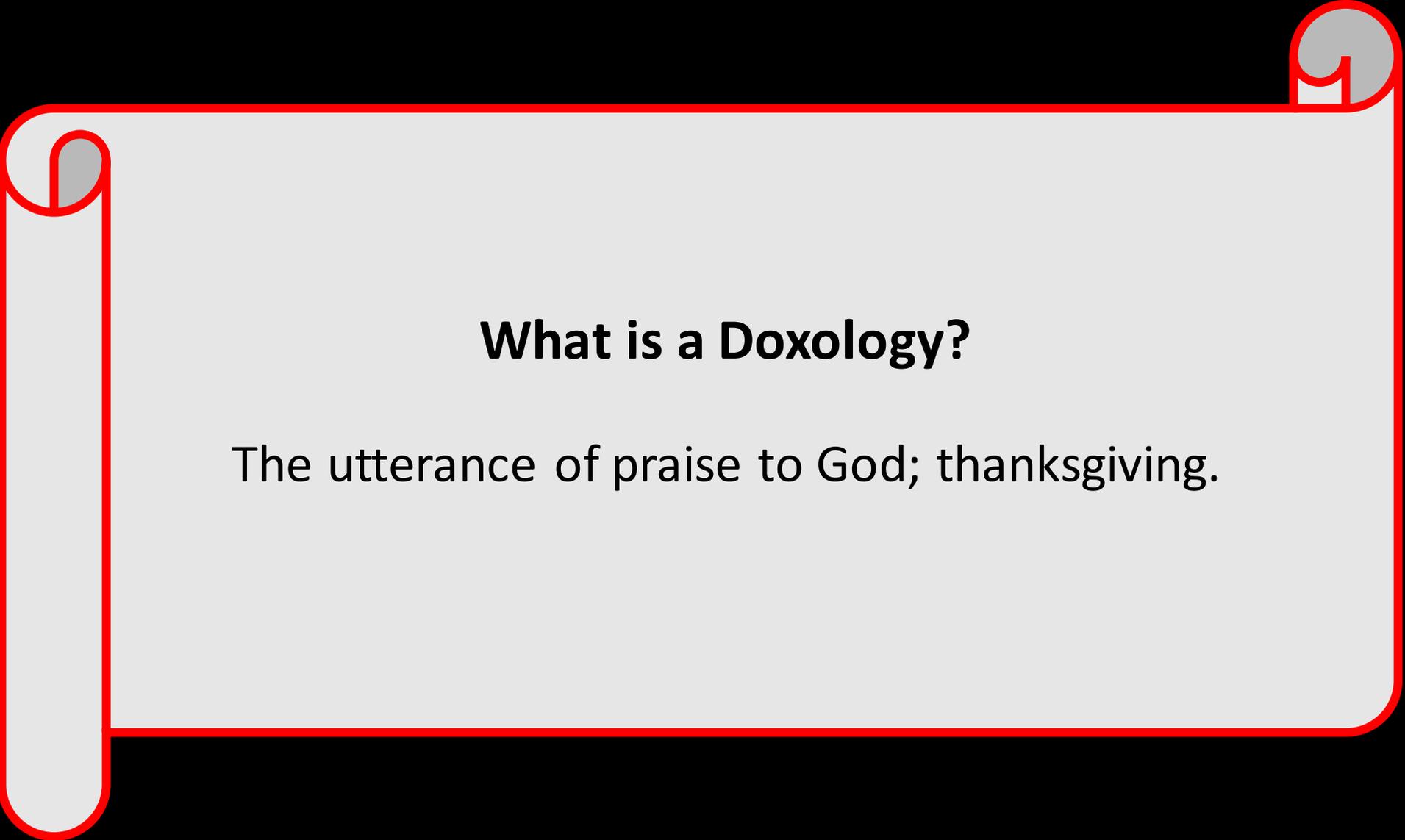
Amen.

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What is a Doxology?

The utterance of praise to God; thanksgiving.

The Doxology

Thomas Ken

G D Em Bm Em D G
Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

4 D Em C G D Em
Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise

6 D G D G/B C F#dim/A G
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise

8 G Em D Am G/B D7 G C G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men

The Doxology

Words are by Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

The last verse of his morning and evening hymns for Winchester College in London (395-R / 401-R).

Tune is from the Genevan Psalter (1551).

The tune is often called *Old Hundredth!*

What is Glory?

Exalted praise, honor, or admiration accorded by common consent to a person or thing; honorable fame, renown.

What is the glory of God?

The honor of God, considered as the final cause of creation, and as the highest moral aim of intelligent creatures.

What is the glory of God?

The highest adoration, honor, praise, and worship we can give Almighty God to exalt Him above all creatures and objects of admiration of any kind or combination.

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The Baptist Catechism of Benjamin Keach

Question #1 ... Who is the first and best of beings?

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Question #2 ... What is the chief end of man?

Answer #2 ... Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

Who is Benjamin Keach (1640-1704)?

An influential leader among the Particular Baptists in London, who signed the 1689 Confession, wrote the Baptist Catechism, and brought hymns into church worship.

Who is Benjamin Keach (1640-1704)?

He was the pastor of the Baptist church at Horsleydown (Horse-lie-down), Southwark for 36 years, later pastored by John Gill and Charles Spurgeon. He was pilloried twice.

Large Context of our Text

- Ephesians chapters 1-3 are some of the most glorious chapters (note word).
- Chapter 1 describes election and predestination better than anywhere else.
- Chapter 2 describes regeneration and conversion of Gentiles better as well.
- Chapter 3 further details Paul's exceptional knowledge of the Gentile issue.
- The divide in the epistle after our text is as obvious as Romans 11 and 12.
- Before Paul's prayer, he identified salvation of the church for angels (3:10).
- The preceding six verses are Paul's prayer for them to advance in fellowship.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Ephesians 3:14-16

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

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Small Context of our Text

- Ephesians 3:14-19 is Paul's prayer for them to know Christ past knowledge.
- He began the prayer with a glorious identification of God our Father (3:14-15).
- He then asked God ... by the riches of His glory ... to work in their inner man.
- This strengthening work by the Holy Spirit's might was to reveal Jesus better.
- The believers there by faith could get very personal with Christ by His Spirit.
- With God's love for them a foundation, they could add Christ's dimensions.
- Knowing the unknowable of Jesus' love would fill them with God's fulness.

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Now

- The word draws our attention to Paul ending this section with a doxology.
- A certain result should occur when considering the things of chapters 1-3.
- The gift of God's words about the gifts of His grace should greatly move you.
- Paul by inspiration never missed an appropriate opportunity to glorify God.
- The entire universe and every event in it are all intentional for God's glory.
- We could take this word as a claim to the immediate present to glorify Him.
- Let us never think there is a better time to glorify Him – why not do it NOW!

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unto him

- Our God ... the Almighty God ... LORD Jehovah ... is the only one to worship.
- God is the antecedent from the previous verse (3:19) and all the way back (1:3).
- Paul had opened the prayer with the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... God.
- He further said the whole family in heaven and earth is named after Him.
- You and everything in your life you do or have should be dedicated to Him.
- So great is the goal, need, and value of glorifying God ... it is doubled to us.
- We love every word of God, so when He repeats Himself, we pay attention.

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that is able to do

- Our God ... the Almighty God ... LORD Jehovah ... can do anything perfectly.
- Sarah laughed, so God said ... *Is any thing too hard for the LORD (Gen 18:14)?*
- Abraham was fully persuaded God was able to perform promises (Rom 4:21).
- You cannot ask for anything that God cannot do, for He can exceed prayers.
- Your achievements are very limited, because you are not able to do much.
- God's great power ... His ability to do anything ... filled the previous chapters.
- The demonstration of His ability to do anything is by the Holy Spirit in us.

that is able to do

- You will never face a need or desire that He cannot and will not fully satisfy.
- We can and should teach our children about His omnipotence – all power.
- He has never encountered a difficulty, for there is nothing difficult for Him.
- What others are unable to do for you, He can do easily and much better.

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exceeding abundantly above all

- This four-word phrase is gloriously creative to exalt God's ability to perform.
- What value does *ALL* have here? There are no exceptions to His ability to do.
- What about *ABOVE*? He can outdo any matter you might pray for or imagine.
- What about *ABUNDANTLY*? His ability to outdo your ideas is profusely better.
- What about *EXCEEDING*? He is not just profusely better, but extremely so.
- You have never had any kind of problem that He cannot perfectly fix forever.
- Your prayers have never matched, exceeded, or come close to His ability.

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that we ask or think

- You have no fear, need, or desire ... spoken or not ... He cannot perfectly fill.
- Looking back as far as the foundation of the world exceeds even your ideas.
- Looking forward as far as the end of the world and heaven will exceed you.
- No matter what happens to you now, He will work all things for your good.
- God our Father is a God of prayer, and Paul had just prayed marvelous things.
- Paul prayed for marvelous things in these chapters beyond your requests.
- We could not be safer ... there are no deficiencies ... every angle is exceeded.

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according to the power that worketh in us,

- His mighty power in each believer is unprecedented, transcendent strength.
- Paul had described the incredible revelation of Christ's love and God in us.
- Earlier he wrote, the power causing our faith was resurrection power (1:19).
- God's operations of grace are so mighty in us that everything else is easy.
- Do you get ... *I can do all things through Christ with strengtheneth me?*
- Do you get ... If you grieve or quench the Spirit, you are world's biggest fool?
- The infinite, invisible, independent, eternal God is inside you perfecting you.

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- The mighty operation of the Spirit in us to reveal Christ's love is preeminent.
- The greatest achievement and description is filled with all the fulness of God.
- God by His Spirit operates at a level within you or another to reach new man.
- The power of the Holy Ghost can fill you with all joy, peace, hope (Rom 15:13).
- The power of the Holy Ghost sheds abroad God's love in your heart (Rom 5:5).
- Our outward man is weak, so the Spirit daily renews the new man (II Cor 4:16).
- His divine power is able for all things and gives us all for godliness (II Pet 1:3).

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Unto him

- Did we have this before? Should we study it again? Is the Bible redundant?
- Of Him ... through Him ... to Him ... are all things ... to whom be glory forever.
- We owe Him everything we can possibly give Him for things spiritual/natural.
- God did not make you for you in any way; He made you for Him in all ways.
- Your tongue is your glory ... to give Him glory ... calves of lips ... bring words.
- God is so infinitely superior and benevolent to you ... distraction is diabolical.
- Every day should start and end to glorify God in everything you do (1 Co 10:31).

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be glory

- God already has infinite glory with or without us, but we can actively give it.
- What is glory? The highest adoration, honor, praise, or worship we can give.
- Paul's doxology calls for us to give Him this glory for His profound care of us.
- You can confess, shout, sing, pray, meditate, muse, testify, give thanks, etc.
- Why do you exist? For God's glory. Why has He saved you? For God's glory!
- We must never be distracted, lethargic, passionless, or perfunctory to Him.
- If you love the world, and it distracts you from Him, you are His enemy!

be glory

- Let us always pray for God to glorify Himself to us and through us. Amen!
- Boasting in God is Biblical, but it must be in the hearing of others (Ps 34:1-3).
- We must intentionally, consistently, structurally focus our church on His glory.
- Only passionate worship gives glory – like David dancing with all his might.
- Passion is a choice and then a result of prayer, preparation, and participation.
- Adoration, honor, praise, thanksgiving, and worship must be main activities.
- We do better the more we can forget our natural lives to speak of His glory.

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in the church

- Ah, hah! You can no longer think about your bed, car, shower, desk, or deck.
- What do you do to give God glory in our church? Which He totally deserves?
- Testify? Sing loudly? Shout, *Amen*? Confess? Give thanks? Encourage others?
- There are reasons why we pray first ... dress up ... are reverent. For His glory!
- We want our church to come behind no other church in this divine measure.
- Solemn assemblies ... mirth feasts ... open pulpit ... etc. ... all for His glory!
- How do you give Him glory? ... LIFO or FILO? ... Sharing His praise constantly?

in the church

- God chose congregational worship in the church, not in your or any home.
- The church is pillar and ground of truth ... the mystery of godliness of Christ.
- Everything should be done decently and in order for glory of an ordered God.
- Our church, part of the general assembly, is the theater for the drama (3:10).
- In the church at the Lord's Table is shown the most focused glory to God.
- The latter house was temple 2, where Jesus died, but He lives in this house.
- Church is where God reveals His glory to us and expects to receive it from us.

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by Christ Jesus

- Thank you, Paul, for narrowing our focus on this grand subject of God's glory.
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for God's glory is best seen in the drama of His Son!
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for He is High Priest that makes all acceptable to God!
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for God gave gifts to Him for us to be able to do so!
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for He preserves us, empowers us, and corrects us!
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for He is our Head, Cornerstone, Apostle, Bishop, etc.!
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for He is the express image of the invisible Jehovah.

by Christ Jesus

- It is by Jesus Christ ... for He built the church and guaranteed its perpetuity.
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for His work changed us to be able to give God glory.
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for God forbid that I should glory but in Christ's cross.
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for the church at His table shows God's ultimate glory.
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for God's greatest gifts and wisdom are found in Christ.
- It is by Jesus Christ ... for God has highly exalted Him with His glorious name.
- The more we make Jesus Christ preeminent in our church God gets the glory.

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- Paul used creative and unique phrasing for duration ... forever and ever!
- No changes in circumstances in this wicked world alters the goal whatsoever.
- No changes in generations of Christians should alter pursuing God's glory.
- No changes in persecution or prosperity alter the church's goal for His glory.
- No changes in the timeline of history, now 2000 years, alters the holy goal.
- We must teach our children ... their children ... and the generation to come.
- Everything ... everything ... changes ... but not this transcendent church goal.

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- This phrase is found in only one other place ... about salvation (Isaiah 45:17).
- God is eternal and immortal forever; His glory by His children should match.
- Since the world as we know it will end, what does without end mean for us?
- Though this world will end, there is a world to come, so thus without end.
- How can you keep this phrase, if you are not known for God' glory now?
- As we move into heaven of a new heaven and earth, we will give God glory!

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Amen.

- So be it!
- So let it be!
- And so it will be!
- Amen and Amen (Psalm 41:13; 72:19; 89:52).
- Let us enjoy the Table of the Lord for the glorious Supper of our King/Priest.
- It is the cross of Christ – the death of the Son of God – that gives God glory.
- Let us glorify God in the church by Christ Jesus by fullest faith in this feast.

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