



OUR UNCHANGING GOD IN AN EVER CHANGING CULTURE

How Does God's Omnipotence Affect our Lives?

A. Origin of Confident Hope (I John 2:24-28)

1. Confident Hope in the Message of the Gospel (I John 2:24-25; Romans 15:13a)
2. Comfort from the Spirit's Presence (I John 2:26-27; Roman 15:13b)
3. Purpose in Life (I John 2:28)

B. Unlimited Abundance (Ephesians 3:20-21)

1. God's Unlimited Abundance (Ephesians 3:20a; 2 Corinthians 9:8)
2. God's Unlimited Power at Work in Us (Ephesians 3:20b; Job 36:22)
3. God's Unlimited Glory Unleashed (Ephesians 3:21a; I Corinthians 10:31)
4. God's Unlimited Exposure/Impact on all generations (Ephesians 3:21b)

C. Other-Centered Focus (I Peter 4:7-11)

1. The Power to Get Our Act Together (I Peter 4:7)
2. The Power to Love (I Peter 4:8)
3. The Power of Supernatural Community (I Peter 4:9-11)

D. Contentment in Life (Matthew 11:28-30)

Discussion Questions:

1. Finding purpose in life is a process for all of us. What clue does John give us in I John 2:28 about our primary purpose in life? As you think about this focus on the word *abide*.
2. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. Do you feel God at work in your life right now? In what ways? Discuss.
3. Are you content in your life right now? Do you need to refocus in some areas? Read Matthew 11:28-30 and pray for God to focus you on abiding in Him this week.

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

I John 2:24-28

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, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I Peter 4:7-11

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30