

# Philippians 4:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Analysis

**Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen** (τῷ δὲ θεῷ καὶ πατρὶ ἡμῶν ἡ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν, tō de theō kai patri hēmōn hē doxa eis tous aiōnas tōn aiōnōn; amēn)—Tō theō kai patri hēmōn ("to God and our Father")—doxology directed to God as Father. Hē doxa ("the glory")—ultimate purpose. Eis tous aiōnas tōn aiōnōn ("unto the ages of ages," eternal duration). Amēn ("so be it," Hebrew affirmation). This doxology concludes the body of the letter before final greetings (vv. 21-23). Paul's consistent pattern: redirect praise to God. Everything—his ministry, their generosity, divine provision—serves one end: God's eternal glory. This echoes 2:11 (Christ-hymn climax) and threads through Philippians: all is for God's glory.

## Historical Context

Doxologies (glory-ascriptions) were common Jewish and Christian worship forms (Rom 11:36, 16:27; Gal 1:5; Eph 3:21; 1 Tim 1:17; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Rev 1:6). They climax theological sections by orienting all toward God's praise. 'Forever and ever' (lit. 'ages of ages') is Hebraic superlative expressing eternity. Early Christians worshiped God and Christ with equal doxologies (2 Tim 4:18; 2 Pet 3:18; Rev 1:5-6), affirming Christ's deity. Paul's doxology here crowns Philippians' theme: joy and partnership exist for God's eternal glory.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does directing 'glory' (doxa) to God forever shape your daily priorities?
2. What in your life currently glorifies God versus seeking self-glory?
3. How can you cultivate doxological living—orienting everything toward God's eternal praise?

## Interlinear Text

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τῷ	δὲ	θεῷ	καὶ	πατρὶ	ἡμῶν	ἣ	δόξα	εἰς	τοὺς
G3588	Now	unto God	and	Father	our	G3588	be glory	for	G3588
	G1161	G2316	G2532	G3962	G2257		G1391	G1519	
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and ever	G3588	and ever	Amen						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 11:36** (Glory): For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

**Psalms 115:1** (Glory): Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

**Revelation 14:7** (Glory): Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Revelation 7:12** (Glory): Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Revelation 5:12** (Glory): Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

**Revelation 1:6** (Glory): And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Psalms 72:19** (Glory): And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

**Ephesians 3:21** (Glory): Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**Jude 1:25** (Glory): To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

**Philippians 1:11** (Glory): Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.