

## Eph. 3:14-21

- I. I pray that God would empower you to experience Christ and His love (14-19)
- A. I bow in prayer to the Ultimate Father for this purpose: (14-15)
1. For this reason, I bow my knees toward the Father (14)  
Bowing the knee is symbolic of religious devotion and posture of prayer
  2. From Whom all family in heaven and on earth is named (15)  
“named” cf. 1:21, 5:3
- B. Purpose: So that He will empower you to be filled with Christ and His love (16-19)
1. So that He will give you power to be fully inhabited by Christ (16-17)
    - a In General: So that He may give you power according to the abundance of His glory (16a)  
On “abundance” lit. “riches” cf. 1:7, 18, 2:7, 3:8  
On “glory” cf. v. 13, 1:18
    - b Specifically: Power for your inner man to be inhabited by Christ (16b-17)
      - 1) Power to be strengthened through His Spirit in the inner man (16b)  
“power” cf. v. 20, 1:19  
“inner man” = “the psychological faculty, including intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects, in contrast with the purely physical aspects of human existence” L&N
      - 2) Power for Christ to dwell in your hearts through faith and your solid connection with love (17)
        - a) [Power for] Christ to dwell in your hearts through faith (17a)
        - b) Reason: because you have been rooted and established in love (17b-c)
          - (1) Rooted in love (17b)  
-cf. Matt. 13:21
          - (2) And established [in love] (17c)  
-cf. 2:21-22, Col. 1:23, 1 Pet. 5:10
  2. Purpose: So that you would know the love and be filled to the fullness of God (18-19)
    - a So that you would know the immensity of the love of God (18-19a)
      - 1) So that you would be capable to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of God’s love] (18)  
“comprehend” = “to process information, understand, grasp, learn about something through process of inquiry, grasp, find, understand” BDAG
      - 2) And [so that you would be capable] to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge (19a)  
Notice the paradox of praying that they would know what cannot be known
    - b Purpose: So that you will be filled to all the fullness of God (19b)  
“filled” cf. 5:18

- II. Therefore: May all glory be to God, Who is able to do anything (20-21)
- A. And to the One Who is able to do infinitely beyond all that we ask or imagine according to the power which is working in us (20)  
“infinitely beyond” = “an extraordinary degree, involving a considerable excess over what would be expected, extreme, extremely, to an extreme degree, to a very great degree” L&N
- B. Glory be to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus, in every time period forever and ever, amen (21)