

EPHESIANS: FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from 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 through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ 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, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. ~ Ephesians 3:14-21 (NKJV)

PAUL PRAYS FOUR PETITIONS....

1. PRAYS FOR THEM TO BE STRENGTHENED

*That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be **strengthened** with power through his Spirit in your inner being. ~ Ephesians 3:16 (NKJV)*

By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ~ 2 Peter 1:4 (NKJV)

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ~ Romans 8:9 (NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ~ Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

2. PRAYS FOR THEM TO HAVE DEPTH

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love. ~ Ephesians 3:17a (NKJV)

The Greek word used for "dwell," as explained by biblical scholar Dr. Kenneth Wuest, carries the connotation of "to settling down and feeling at home."

3. PRAYS FOR THEM TO HAVE COMPREHEND

*That you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ **may have strength to comprehend** with **all the saints** what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. ~ Ephesians 3:17b-19a (NKJV)*

The term "comprehend" originates from the Latin word "prehendere," meaning "to grasp," emphasizing the act of fully understanding or apprehending something.

Jesus's love extends boundlessly in every direction, like the infinite universe...

- Jesus's love is broad enough to cover anybody.
- Jesus's love is long enough to go beyond any barrier.
- Jesus's love is high enough to take us to glory and beyond.
- Jesus's love is deep enough to touch any need, sin, or hurt.

4. PRAY'S FOR THEM TO BE FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD

That you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ~ Ephesians 3:18b (NKJV)

Conclusion: A Great Prayer Like This Deserves A Great Doxology And Magnificent Conclusion.

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 (NKJV)

"Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us," ~ Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)

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