

The Apostle Paul: A Man in Christ Knowing God - Part 13

Ephesians 3:14-17

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The prayer life of the Apostle Paul

1st prayer emphasis – knowing God: Ephesians 1:16-17

2nd prayer emphasis – experiencing the love of Christ/fullness of God: Ephesians 3:19

A. The petition to be strengthened: Ephesians 3:14-16

Why be strengthened?

Because of what is being sought

Rev. 1:12-17; Rev. 1:5; John 13:1

Because of the opposition to what is being sought

1 Thess. 2:17-18; 1 Thess. 2:7-8; John 13:34-35; 1 John 2:15-16; Matt. 26:41; Gal. 5:16-17

Who does the strengthening?

The Spirit of God

Rom. 5:5; Rom. 8:9-11, 30

Where does this strengthening occur?

The inner being

2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:24

Reasons for being strengthened

1. For the indwelling of the Lord Jesus: Eph. 3:17a
2. For the vitality and foundation of a life of love: Eph. 3:17b