

The Apostle Paul: A Man in Christ Knowing God - Part 14

Ephesians 3:14-17

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The prayer life of the Apostle Paul

1st prayer emphasis – knowing God

Eph. 1:16-17

2nd prayer emphasis – experiencing the love of Christ/fullness of God

Eph. 3:19

A. The petition to be strengthened Eph. 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. 2:7-8,17-18; Jn 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

What are the reasons for the strengthening?

- For the indwelling of the Lord Jesus

Eph. 3:17a; Rev. 21:3; Phil. 1:21-24; Col. 3:1-3

- For the vitality and foundation of a life of love

Eph. 3:17b; John 15:1-9; 1 Cor. 3:10-11; Matt. 16:18

B. The second petition to be strengthened Eph. 3:18-19

1. To grasp with understanding the realms of Christ's love

Eph. 3:18

2. To experience the realms of Christ's love

Eph. 3:19a

3. To experience the fullness of God

Eph. 3:19b