

The Apostle Paul: A Man in Christ Knowing God - Part 15

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

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

1. To understand the realms of Christ's love : Eph. 3:18

a) Breadth: John 3:16

b) Length: Jeremiah 31:3

c) Height: Psalm 36:5

d) Depth: Psalm 130:1-4

2. To experience the love of Christ: Eph. 3:19a; 1 Cor. 2:11-12; John 17:3

3. To experience the fullness of God: Eph. 3:19b

a) The Bread of Life: John 6:48

- Life out of the fullness of God

b) The Good Shepherd: John 10:11

- Care out of the fullness of God

c) The True Vine: John 15:5

- Fruitfulness out of the fullness of God