



“Big Doctrine Leads to Big Prayers”

5/10/26 | Text: Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 3:14-19 - *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

I. Introduction to prayer (vs. 14-15)

A. “For this reason...” Context of the prayer: the revelation that Jews and Gentiles are equal members of the body of Christ (3:1-13).

B. “bow my knees” Paul’s posture in prayer

C. “Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,” Paul’s focus in prayer

II. Prayer for strengthened hearts (vs. 16-17)

A. From the riches of God’s glory (Eph. 1:7; 1:18; 2:7; 3:8)

B. Strength through the Holy Spirit in the inner man

C. Christ dwelling in the heart (Eph 2:22; 1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16)

D. Rooted and grounded in love

III. Prayer for strengthened minds (vs. 18-19)

A. Corporate comprehension

B. Knowledge of the unfathomable dimensions of God’s love

C. Filled with all the fullness of God

IV. Conclusion

A. Remember who God is

B. Remember who you are

C. Pray big prayers

Next week’s sermon text: Ephesians 3:20-21

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Reflecting on your thoughts from the past week, do you currently have a “big” view of God or a “small” view of God? Should you give more attention to your physical posture when you pray? Are your good deeds coming from renewing work of the Holy Spirit within you, or from a desire to please/impress others? Do you need to give more thought to how great God is before you pray? Do your prayers need to be bigger?

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