

## Ephesians Ephesians 3:14-21

### Blessings “in Christ”

In Christ, I am:

- chosen and adopted into God’s family,
- holy and blameless in God’s eyes,
- redeemed and forgiven, purchased by the blood of Jesus,
- a recipient of God’s revealed plan,
- filled and sealed by the Holy Spirit, God’s presence within me,
- God’s treasured inheritance,
- given eternal hope,
- filled with resurrection power,
- dead to sin, given new life, and seated with Jesus in victory,
- God’s masterpiece,
- given purpose in life, and
- made part of a new people, the Church, under Jesus’ authority.

### Paul’s prayer of passion

Paul’s passion is revealed in his posture (on his \_\_\_\_\_) and his words.

- Ephesians 3:14-15 **Where did your family name come from?** \_\_\_\_\_

### Paul’s prayer for strength

Paul prays for strength for the Ephesians.

- Ephesians 3:16-17

Our hearts can be strengthened through the unlimited power of the Holy Spirit within us to submit to the authority of Jesus in our lives.

Jesus’ desire is to Dwell (make a permanent \_\_\_\_\_) in our hearts, not just pass through once a week. What closet do you need to let Jesus clean out? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus demands full access to every area our lives all of the time.

- Luke 14:33 **What do we need to give up?**

### Paul’s prayer for power

Paul prays for power to grasp God’s immeasurable love.

- Ephesians 3:17b-18
- God’s love nourishes and stabilizes the Christian.
  - Psalm 1:3 **Where are you planted?** \_\_\_\_\_
- God’s love is limitless!
  - Romans 8:38-39 God latches onto you and you latch onto G\_\_\_\_.
- Grasping God’s love is knowing through experience for yourselves. When did you last experience God’s love for you? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ephesians 3:19

### Paul’s prayer for fullness

Jesus is fully God and fully human.

- Colossians 1:19
- In Christ, we are filled with the fullness of God.
  - Colossians 2:9-10
- As we are more filled with Him, we are more like Him.

### Paul’s prayer of praise

We serve a God who can do the unthinkable and unimaginable.

- Ephesians 3:20-21
- Ephesians 3:12
- Doing immeasurably more brings God great glory.
- **What is the thing you are most praying about?**
- \_\_\_\_\_
- **GOD is doing more then >>>>>>>>> according to what /** \_\_\_\_\_

### Action Steps

- Ask God to show you areas of your life that need to be opened to Him.
- Ask God to do immeasurably more in and through you.

Prayer this over yourself and family this week and on a regular basis.

**Eph 3:15-21 AMPC**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason [<sup>1a</sup>seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father *of our Lord Jesus Christ*,

<sup>15</sup> For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name].

<sup>16</sup> May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

<sup>17</sup> May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love,

<sup>18</sup> That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

<sup>19</sup> [That you may really come] to know [practically, <sup>1b</sup>through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses <sup>1c</sup>mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] <sup>1d</sup>unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and <sup>1e</sup>become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

<sup>21</sup> To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).