

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL APPREHENSION
(Ephesians 3:14-19) pt 1

I. The Wealth of The Church (chp1-3)

A. The Plan of God for the Church (1:3-14)

B. The Prayer of Paul for the Church (1:15-23)

C. The People of the Church (2:1-22)

D. The Mystery of the Church (3:1-21)

1. The *explanation* of the _____ given to Paul (3:1-6)
2. The *explanation* of Paul's _____ (3:7-13)
3. The *explanation* of Paul's _____ via his _____ for the church (3:14-21)

a. His prayer begins vs 14... "*For this _____ I bow my knees*"!

- What *reason* has prompted Paul to "*bow his knees*"?

b. Physical _____ is not the key to effective prayer, but _____ posture is!

- Who did Paul pray to? (3:14-15)

c. Some *thoughts* about Paul's two prayers in Ephesians

1st Prayer 1:15-23

2nd Prayer 3:14-21

d. Paul's 2nd prayer finds it _____ in vs 19b with the words... "*that you may be _____ with all the _____ of God*".

e. Being filled with the fulness of God is the _____ life that God wants for every child of His! This is the _____ life that He spoke of in John 10 and other passages

f. Since prayer is God's means of _____ teaching to _____ in life, Paul prays!

- What did Paul Pray for? (4 things!)

1) He prayed that God would _____ the _____ of every Christian...
“that He would _____ you... to be strengthened ... in the _____” (3:16)

“would grant” (didomi)

- What is the *standard* of God's *giving* here?

- It is the _____ who _____ us in the inner man.

“strengthened” (krataioo)

- How would these works that Christ spoke of be possible? (John 14:12)

- Based on the _____ of Christ, it was necessary that the _____ would come to strengthen Christians in their _____ during the present _____ age!

- Why in the “inner man”?

2) Paul's second petition was... that Christ may _____ in your hearts through _____
(3:17)

“may dwell” (katoikeo)

Galatians 2:20