

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)

- What *reason* has prompted Paul to “bow his knees”?
- What did Paul Pray for? (4 things!)
 - 1) He prayed that God would _____ the _____ of every Christian...
“that He would grant you... to be _____ ... in the _____” (3:16)
- 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

- 3) His third petition was that... “we may be able to _____ with all the saints the
_____ of God's _____ toward us”! (3:17b-18)

- What was the *basis* of this comprehensive love?

- a) being “_____” “as a plant or tree is rooted &
- b) being “_____” as a building is for strengthening & endurance in the storms of life
- c) The “love” mentioned here is produced by the _____ as we _____ in our Lord Jesus Christ in life!
- 4) This now brings us to the 4th petition... “*that you might be _____ (to the full) with all the _____*”! (3:19b)

“might be filled” (pleroo)

- a. **Positionally** every believer is already _____ in Christ! (Col. 2:9-10; Eph 1:3)
- b. But **practically** we need to be _____ with the _____ (Eph. 5:18) ...so as to _____ of His calling (Eph 4:1) so as to be _____ in the Lord & _____ against the _____ of the _____ (Eph 6:10-ff; Phil 2:12-16)
- c. God’s **goal** is that He wants you to be ... “Filled to the full with _____ so that He can _____ you for His _____, & _____ in life!

- Having _____ Christ at a point in time, we _____ Him, but now that we are saved, He wants to completely _____ & _____ us in life!
- What does all this mean to you?