



¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

¹⁶ **that** according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ^{17a} so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

^{17b} **that** you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ^{19a} and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

^{19b} **that** you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14–21 ESVUK

Discussion 1: v14–21

1. What are some of the repeated themes and ideas?
2. What is Paul's first prayer request about? (v16–17a)
3. What petitions does Paul make in the rest of the prayer? How does the sequence work?
4. Bonus question: What Old Testament echoes do you hear when reading this prayer?

Strengthened with power (v16–17a) ...

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Discussion 2: v17b–19a

1. Pray for God's strengthening power to work according to his purpose.
2. What does Paul pray?
3. How does this second petition flow from the first?
4. What is the love that believers are rooted and grounded in?
5. Bonus question: what are the Old Testament allusions behind the dimensions of God's love?

... to know the love of Christ (17b–19a) ...

Discussion 3

1. Pray for God's power to know Christ's love
2. What is Paul asking for in his final petition?
3. How does the final petition link to what came before?
4. How does the final petition link to what follows?

... to be filled with the fullness of God.

Discussion 4:

1. Pray for the Lord to fill you with all the fullness of God
2. What has been the overall logic of the prayer and what difference does it make?
3. What excites you about this prayer?
4. How might this prayer help you to pray more about God's priorities?

Our Father in heaven,

We pray that you would strengthen us with power in our inner selves,
that we would know how immeasurably great the love of Jesus for us is,
so that we would be filled with your glory, reflecting the image of Christ.

We pray with confidence in the knowledge that you can do more than we ask or imagine,
to your honour, glory and praise,
now and forever.
Amen!

Please clear your tables at the end of the meeting. Thank you

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