

PAUL'S PRAYERS – 3

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EPH. 3:14-15

- For this reason: His prayer was based on the knowledge of God's will, as revealed in **Verses 6, 9, 10-11**.
- Bow my knees: A posture that shows utmost humility.
- The Father: The planner among the members of the Trinity. Prayer is directed to the Father, through the Son, by the direction of Spirit.
- Family in Heaven and Earth: God is our Father, we are His family.

EPH. 3:16

- Paul requests impartation of strength in our inner man that comes from the riches of God's glory, not any human resource.

EPH. 3:17

- To dwell in – Two Greek words convey the idea “to live in”. One refers to a stranger living in a place and the other refers to one who settles down in a place to make it his home. He wants Christ to be alive and active in us. His personal presence manifesting in our hearts by faith. It's not automatic.
- Rooted and Grounded – The root system provides stability and nourishment, both of which are essential for life.

EPH. 3:18-19

- Paul lists four dimensions of God's love: **JOHN 3:16**
 1. Breadth – The world. It's wide enough to include everyone.
 2. Length – Incarnation. This reveals to what length God would go.
 3. Depth – Crucifixion. Deep enough to reach the worst sinner.
 4. Height – Resurrection. High enough to seat us with Christ.
- Only the cross can give us an understanding of God's love for us.
- The goal – To fill us with God's fulness.

EPH. 3:20

- Now that we are rooted and grounded in God's love, and filled with God's fulness, He's able to do for us what exceeds measure or description. It's important to know our part in enabling God to do this for us. It's not apart from us. It's according to the power at work in us.

EPH. 3:21

The Church is to bring glory to God by giving place to His power that goes far beyond what we can ask or think. God's glory is not limited to a specific time. It's to be accessed and celebrated throughout all generations forever.

CONCLUSION: What a wonderful goal to strive for, individually and as a church. We're to be humble, to walk in love, to be filled with and strengthened by the spirit, and position ourselves to manifest God's power and glory in ways that so beyond our comprehension.