

# Ephesians 3:14-21 July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## GROWING IN CHRIST: THE PATH TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY EPHESIANS 3:14-21

• Starts with Prayer (v.14–15)

<sup>14</sup> When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, <sup>15</sup> the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

• Relies on the Spirit (v.16)

<sup>16</sup> I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit.

• Builds Trust in Jesus (v.17)

<sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. • Happens within <u>Community</u> (v.18)

<sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is.

#### • Is more than just Knowledge (v.19)

<sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. <sup>21</sup> Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

## I Will Live The Mystery by...

- Memorizing Ephesians 3:20
- Pursuing Spiritual Growth in my daily routine.
- Actively seeking the Spirit's power in my life.
- Choosing to trust Christ for the first time.

## WALK THE TALK A Growth Group Guide

- 1. What do you think are the most important factors in growing spiritually? How do you think they compare to the list in this week's outline?
- 2. Do you find the habits of spiritual growth easy or difficult to develop in your daily life? Why? What are the things that contribute to it being easy, or to it being difficult?
- 3. Do you find that community helps or hinders your personal walk with Jesus? What are the risks & the rewards for including others on your journey?
- 4. Which of the "disciplines" is the most challenging to you? Why? Which comes the most naturally? Why?
- 5. How do you think the Spirit wants to be an active part of your daily life? How can you strengthen your relationship with Him on a regular basis?
- 6. What about the "mystery" of knowing Christ (and never fully knowing Him) appeals to you the most? How can this aspect draw us into a deeper quest to pursue God?
- 7. What do you think you specifically need to do this week to start "living the mystery of Christ" out?