

BE THE CHURCH

Ephesians



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Ephesians 3:14-21

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Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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Ephesians 3:1

“For this reason I, Paul....”

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κατοικέω | Katoikeō

“to live or dwell in a place in an established or settled manner”

-Loew & Nida

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¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

comprehend - know - be filled

Romans 6:6-14

⁶ We **know** that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin....

¹¹ So you also must **consider** yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.... ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but **present** yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

comprehend - know - be filled
know - consider - present

Caution

Remember and embrace all three

Don't overemphasize just one

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Amen.

Principle

The church is *relationally* unified in the love of Jesus, but genuine *functional* unity is not guaranteed. It requires unending growth in learning about and relationally experiencing the love of Jesus, through the empowering Holy Spirit, if the Church is to demonstrate God's greatness to the world.

Next Week

Ephesians 4:1-6