Ephesians 3:14-19 Inner Strength to Know God's Love

- I. The introduction to Paul's prayer (vv. 14-15)
 - A. The motivation of the prayer (v. 14a)
 - B. The Person of the prayer (v. 14b)
 - C. The power of the Person (v. 15)
- II. The petitions of Paul's prayer (vv. 16-19a)
 - A. His first petition (vv. 16-17a)
 - 1. The substance of the petition *that God would cause them to be strengthened...* (v. 16)
 - a. Resources for this strength
 - 1) Riches of God's glory
 - 2) God's power
 - b. Means of this strength God's Spirit
 - c. Location of this strength the inner man
 - 2. The result of the petition (v. 17a)
 - a. Christ dwelling...
 - b. In their hearts...
 - c. By faith.
 - B. His second petition (vv. 17b-19b)
 - The foundation for the petition rooted and grounded in love (v. 17b)
 - 2. The substance of the petition *so that they would become strong enough*... (vv. 18-19b)
 - a. To grasp the love of Christ (v. 18)
 - b. To know the love of Christ (v. 19a-b)
- III. The Purpose of Paul's prayer (v. 19c)
 - That they might be filled with all the fulness of God