

# Lesson 8, EPHESIANS 3:14-21

Ephesians 3:1 and 3:14 begin with “For this reason” or “Because of this”. What is Paul referring to? He seems to be looking back at the advantages and blessings of being a Christian in Chapters 1 and 2. By Ephesians 3:14, Paul seems to be overwhelmed at the majesty, the love, the power and lavished gifts available and he falls to his knees in prayer for the early Christians. Remember, this is his flock, the churches he planted and served and loved. The verses in this lesson are a powerful prayer offered by Paul for his flock.

1. How does Paul address God in verse 14,15? What does that tell you about Paul’s perception of God? In Mark 14:36 when Jesus addresses God as “Abba” (Daddy), what are the circumstances in his life? See also John 1:12-13, what does it say about our standing with God?

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2. Read verse 16. What is Paul asking for believers to receive? How did we see this in the life of Jesus and his disciples in Luke 10:18,19? According to Ephesians 1:19,20 what is that power like?

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3. Read verse 17. Where in scripture do we see God dwelling with his people? See Genesis 3:8, Exodus 40:34-38, Revelation 3:20; 21:3.

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4. What does it mean to you to be “rooted and established in love”? What does a root in the natural world do for a plant?

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5. Read verses 18-19. What does 1 John 4:8,16 say about God’s love? What are some other verses about God’s love? See John 17:26. How do you think we realize the depth of the love of Christ that Paul is referring to?

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6. Read verses 20,21. What do these verses tell you about the power we are equipped with when we know the depth of the love of Christ? How have you seen God doing “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”? How does God accomplish this?

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*Application:* Write a prayer asking God to give you strength and power and to be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God through love of his son Jesus.

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*Prayer:* Almighty Father, our “abba” Daddy, how precious to know your love for each of us. You have a passion to fill us with the love that is ours through Jesus. Blessed Jesus, you prayed for each of us to enter that same love that exists between you and our Father. How humbled we are to be empowered and used for kingdom work. Keep us in the center of your heart, and may each day bring a deeper awareness of your love for us. Amen.