

Talk It Over November 12-13, 2022

"May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [that you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]! Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it)." - Ephesians 3:16-21 (AMPC)

Life is enriched, empowered, energized, cleansed, and uplifted by the entrance of His life into ours.

Worship is God's antidote, the cure for life's struggles and challenges.

"Lose heart" may mean "to give in to the forces of evil, to behave badly in, to be cowardly, to lose courage."

Christ is the glory of God manifested in His church and within us. Glory is the majesty and might of God's Presence.

Worship is our lifeline to His Presence – our cure, our antidote to life's ills.

"Inner man" (or heart) is your unseen self in which His Holy Spirit dwells and gives us inner strength: intellect, affections, desires, tastes, conscience, imagination.

In worship, you shall be strengthened with a power that fills and floods all of your being, enabling you to withstand any attack, and equipping you to serve and to witness for Jesus.

Life has a way of de-powering us. It can sap our energy, drain our courage, and delete our patience.

Jesus will go before you to show you the way, behind you to be your rearguard, beside you to befriend and comfort you, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you inner peace and courage.

We were born with a physical heart; we are reborn spiritually with a new heart.

Additional Scriptures: Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:13 (AMPC); Colossians 1:11 (TPT);

"Apprehend" means "to lay hold of so as to make something one's own, to seize, to take possession of, mentally grasping some idea or truth."

In worship, His love grips us at the core of our being, giving us boldness and confidence to serve Him and witness for Him in our world.

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