

It is always good to stop and observe how a leader in the faith prays. That is where we start today.

1. Read Eph. 3:14-21. Before we even begin to look at the points of this scripture, describe how you felt as you read those words. _____

What most impressed you about this prayer? _____

2. Paul broke off his thoughts in verse 1 of chapter 3, and now he continues that thought. Look back at verse 2 of chapter 3, what had he said there? _____

This is one of the most often quoted prayers in the bible. It is uniquely beautiful but what makes it so loved and quoted is the fact that the prayer is for God's new masterpiece, all of us united as the church.

3. If you have seen pictures of Jewish men praying before the wailing wall, what was the standard position of their body? _____

As Paul begins his prayer, what was the position he took? _____

As you think about this position what did it indicate? _____

4. Read II Chron. 6:13-15 Describe what is happening? _____

Read Mark 14:35-36 What is going on here? _____

What do you believe causes this type of reaction in a person? _____

5. Had those leaders of the church of Ephesus ever seen Paul in the position he now describes himself to be in? (Read Acts 20:17,36-37) _____

What do you imagine the leaders in the Ephesian church felt when they read these words from Paul in Eph. 3:14? _____

Point to ponder: After reading about the great mystery, when Paul addresses every family in heaven and earth, he is speaking to that new creation of Jews and Gentiles united as one in the Church of Jesus Christ. In his prayer. He is speaking to us, who are united with all believers in Christ who have gone before us.

6. Paul is addressing the 4 dimensions of human need. Let's fill in the chart below.

The verse	What is said	Human need fulfilled
Eph. 3:16		Psychological
Eph. 3:17		Emotional
Ep. 3:18-19		Mental
Eph. 3:19		spiritual

7. It is easy to fill in the blanks, but now we will look at each need and define how that need is fulfilled by God answering Paul's prayer.

a. Psychological: _____

b. Emotional: _____

c. Mental: _____

d. Spiritual: _____

Satan would like nothing more than to keep us so distracted and feeling so powerless, that we can't realize the love, strength and fullness we have as a gift of God through Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit.