

EPHESIANS

THE STRENGTH: LIVING, LOVING, LORDING

As Paul picks back up on the prayer that he started in Eph 3:1, he prays that God will empower the Ephesian believers.

Remember in the previous passage in Ephesians 3:1-14, Paul has described how God has used Paul, who describes himself as “the very least of all the saints.” So, if God does use even the weakest of saints purpose and meaning in his grand and glorious plan – how do the least and weakest of Christians accomplish anything in God’s plan?

In Ephesians 3:14-21, Paul then directly intercedes to the Father and asks the Spirit’s help in imparting abundant, supernatural, and divine power and love to the Ephesians. Concurrently, the apostle prays that Christ would dwell in their hearts, imparting his power and love to them and reigning in every area of their lives.

It is by the Christians’ (1) living a strengthened life in your inner being, then (2) knowing that Christ dwells in the hearts of believers and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, and then to (3) Lording – aka, continually being filled with the Spirit and coming under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Let’s dig in and look at how God strengthens and empowers believers in Ephesians 3:14-21.

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READ THE TEXT

Ephesians 3:14-21

DISCUSSION

Any thoughts, questions, highlights, or comments on today's message?

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What do we learn about people?
3. What do we learn about relating to God?
4. What do we learn about relating to others?

APPLYING THE TEXT

5. What does God want me to understand?
6. What does God want me to believe?
7. What does God want me to desire?
8. What does God want me to do?