

**Sept. 19, 2021**  
**Ephesians**

**I. Who wrote it, when, to whom?**

**II. What is contained in this letter? Doctrine and Practice**

**A. The trinitarian nature of God.**

*Ephesians 2:18 NLT Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.*

*Ephesians 5:18-20 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ... 20. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**B. The transcendent and immanent nature of God.**

Transcendence: beyond us, beyond time and space as we know them.

Immanence: the state of being within, existing in and throughout the created world.

**C. Paul's Prayer (Ephesians 3:16-19)**

**III. Personalizing Paul's Prayer from Ephesians 3:16-19**

*Dear Father in Heaven,*

*I pray that out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And I pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is your love, and to know your love that surpasses knowledge. Let us be filled to the measure of all the fullness of You.*

*Now to you God, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to Your power that is at work within us, to You be glory in us and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*