

Ephesians 3:14-21 | Peace to You
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This prayer by the apostle Paul emphasizes that the Ephesians know Christ's strengthened love, which surpasses all knowledge. These eight verses are Paul's concluding prayer to the doctrine he shares in the first three chapters of the Book of Ephesians.

Read James 5:16. James emphasizes the prayer of a righteous person is very powerful. The reconciled church in Ephesus needs Paul to lift them in prayer to God.

Ephesians 3:14 says, "**For this reason...**" This phrase is a connector that compels us to look back at our previous chapters. The question is, "**for what reason...**"

- God chose us to be "**in Christ**" (Eph. 1:3-13)
 - ✓ In Him is redemption
 - ✓ In Him is forgiveness
 - ✓ In Him is an inheritance
 - ✓ In Him we are sealed

- God offers reconciliation to **all** (Eph. 2:11-21)
 - ✓ No more "without hope"
 - ✓ No more "dividing wall of hostility"
 - ✓ No more lack of "access to the Father"
 - ✓ No more "foreigners and strangers"

Paul builds his prayer around three points of emphasis:

- **His Declaration** (vss. 14-15) - He declares homage to the matchless God who creates and sustains all things.
- **His Petitions** (vss. 16-19) - He expresses that they might genuinely know and experience Christ's love and consequently demonstrate it towards each other.
- **His Closing Words** (vss. 20-21) - Praise to God is given, ascribing to Him glory throughout all generation

How do we respond to God's word?

- Pray that God changed hearts.
- Pray that God strengthens your heart.
- Pray for boldness in our faith.
- Pray for a strong foundation of faith.
- Pray for fullness.