

A Prayer for Power

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Big Idea: After a purposeful digression, Paul now prays that God will impart His power to us believers and touch our hearts deeply with a greater awareness of God's divine love for us.

Ephesians 3:14-19 — In order for us, the church, to be and display the manifold of God's wisdom, Paul prays for 2 things:

- That we would understand the power that we have in God
- That we would experience the limitless love that Christ has for us

Ephesians 3:20-21 — Doxology: What Paul asks of the Ephesians, and us, **God is more than able** to do for us.

PRAISE GOD! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Takeaways:

- Pray for the power of God
- Pray for the love of God
- Pray that Christ will rule in us

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Ephesians 3:14-21 (week of Nov 3, 2019)

Spent some time catching up and talking story.

Spent some time in the text.

- Compare the prayer in Ephesians 1:15-19 with the prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19.
 - What are the specific requests found in these prayers?
 - What are the similarities and differences?
 - What do we learn about prayer from Paul's example?
 - How does this encourage and/or challenge our own prayer lives?
- According to Ephesians 3:16, Paul asks that we would "be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being."
 - What does this mean?
 - What circumstances in your life remind you of your need for the Lord's strength?
 - For what purposes does Paul pray for our strength to be found in the Lord? (see Paul's flow of thought from verse 16 to verse 17)
- According to Ephesians 3:17-18, what is the next request Paul makes in his prayer?
 - What does a life "rooted and grounded in love" look like?
- Does there seem to be a contradiction in Ephesians 3:18-19?
 - How do you think we can grow in our comprehension of the love of God that surpasses knowledge?
- Based on Ephesians chapters 1-3, how would you describe...
 - ... the breadth of God's love (whom does He love)?
 - ... the length of God's love (for how long has He loved and how long will be love His children)?
 - ... the height of God's love (how high does His love reach)?
 - ... the depth of God's love (how far down did He reach to display His love)?

Spent some time sharing and praying together.

- Pray for each other.