

Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians

14-21

**A PRAYER POWERFUL ENOUGH TO
CHANGE US, FROM THE INSIDE OUT.**



OUR LORD FINDS OUR DESIRES NOT TOO STRONG, BUT TOO WEAK. WE ARE HALF-HEARTED CREATURES, FOOLING ABOUT WITH DRINK AND SEX AND AMBITION WHEN INFINITE JOY IS OFFERED US, LIKE AN IGNORANT CHILD WHO WANTS TO GO ON MAKING MUD PIES IN THE SLUM BECAUSE HE CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT IS MEANT BY THE OFFER OF A HOLIDAY AT THE SEA. WE ARE FAR TOO EASILY PLEASED.

C.S. Lewis "The Weight of Glory"

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Ephesians 2:3a, 4-5a (NIV)

³ **ALL OF US ALSO LIVED AMONG THEM AT ONE TIME, GRATIFYING THE CRAVINGS OF OUR FLESH AND FOLLOWING ITS DESIRES AND THOUGHTS...**
⁴ **BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, ⁵ MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST...**

The Church in Ephesus

***SURROUNDED BY A PAGAN CULTURE,
NEW FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.***

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Ephesians 3:14-17a

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Ephesians 3:14

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Remember your inheritance

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Ephesians 3:15

15 FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH DERIVES ITS NAME.

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Seek God's glorious riches

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Ephesians 3:16-17a

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Ephesians 3:20-21

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