

Rooted and Established In Love

Ephesians 3:14-21

Introduction

I Paul's Attitude In Prayer

- A. Humility and submission
 - 1. _____ - Phil 2:10
 - a. Solomon stood - 1 Kin 8:22
 - b. David sat - 1 Chron 17:16
 - c. Jesus fell on His face - Mt 26:39
- B. Acknowledgment of our lineage
 - 1. We derive our _____ from God
 - 2. We derive our _____ from God

II Paul's Focus In Prayer

- A. That we may be strengthened:
 - 1. The source of our strength:
 - a. God's glorious _____ - Eph 1:7-8; Phil 4:19
 - b. The _____ of the Holy Spirit - Lk 1:35; Acts 1:8
 - 2. The sphere of our strength:
 - a. Our _____ being - Col 3:9-10; 2 Cor 4:16
 - 3. The purpose of our strength:
 - a. That Christ _____ within - Eph 2:22; Rv 3:20
Dwell = "Be completely at _____"
- B. That we may know God's love
 - 1. The prerequisite:
 - a. _____ in love - Col 2:6-7; Rom 5:5
 - b. _____ in love - 1 Cor 13; Gal 5:22
 - 2. The pursuit:
 - a. _____ the love of Christ
 - 1. Width, length, height, and depth - Job 11:7-9
 - b. _____ the love of Christ
 - 1. Surpasses knowledge - Phil 4:7

3. The purpose:

- a. To be _____ with the fullness of God - Col 2:9-10; Eph 4:13; 5:18

III Paul's Praise In Prayer

- A. Glory to God for His sovereignty
 - 1. He is _____
 - a. To exceed our expectations- 1 Kg 3:13; Mal 3:10
- B. Glory to God in and through:
 - 1. The _____ - Eph 3:10; 2 Th 1:11-12
 - 2. Christ Jesus - Jn 17:4-5
- C. Glory to God:
 - 1. Throughout all generations
 - 2. Forever and ever

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine. Share a time when God exceeded your expectations.
2. Consider briefly the different physical positions one might use while praying. What does each communicate? Which do you use most often? Why?
3. Paul prays for you that Christ may dwell ("be completely at home") in your heart. If Christ were to answer, how would He describe His living arrangements in your heart? Motel 6 (cheap and temporary)? A guest in "your home" (you're the boss)? The new owner of your home (He calls all the shots)?
4. God wants you to be filled with His fullness (His love, peace, joy, character, maturity, priorities, etc). Where do you most need His fullness right now?
5. Take a moment and pray Paul's prayer for yourself and then for at least one other person you know.

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