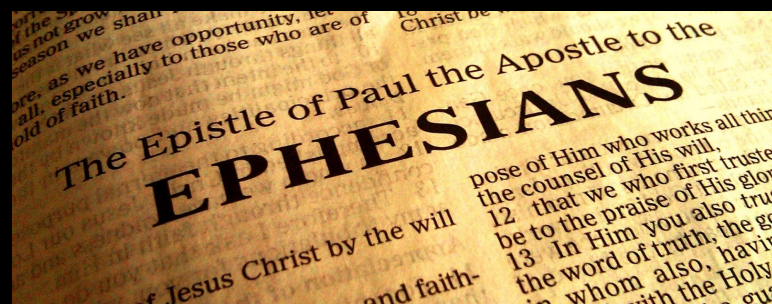


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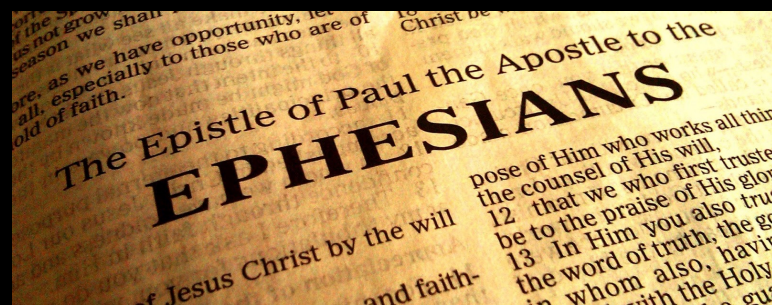
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studies from the book of Ephesians

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, ...



...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21



First of all,
*that Christ would **dwell** in their hearts by faith.*
vs.17

Secondly, that they would,
know this love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.
vs.19a

Thirdly, *that you may be **filled** to the
measure of all the fullness of God. vs.19b*



It's one thing to believe in and trust
the love of Christ, and it's another
thing to experience the love of
Christ in your inner being.





Blaise Pascal:

*"In the year of grace 1654,
Monday 23 November ...
From about half-past ten in
the evening till about half an
hour after midnight, FIRE.*



Blaise Pascal:

"God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and of the learned. Certainty. Joy. Certainty. Emotion. Sight. Joy. Forgetfulness of the world and all outside of God. ... My God, do not leave me. Let me not ever be separated from you."

**The first petition is in verse 16,
where he says,**

***“I pray that out of his glorious riches he
may strengthen you with **power through**
his Spirit in your inner being ...”***

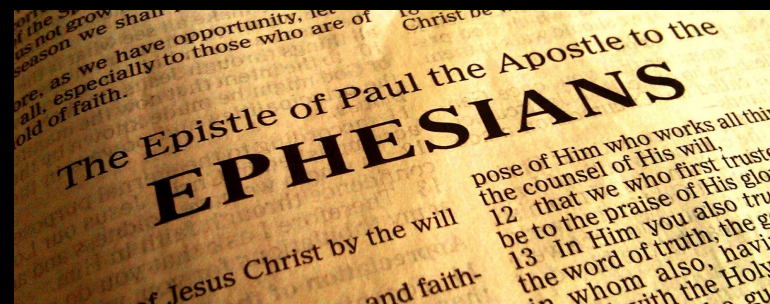


The second petition is to grasp and know.

*“... to **grasp** how high and wide and long and deep is the love of Christ, and to **know** this love.” vs.18,19*



“To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” Ephesians 3:19

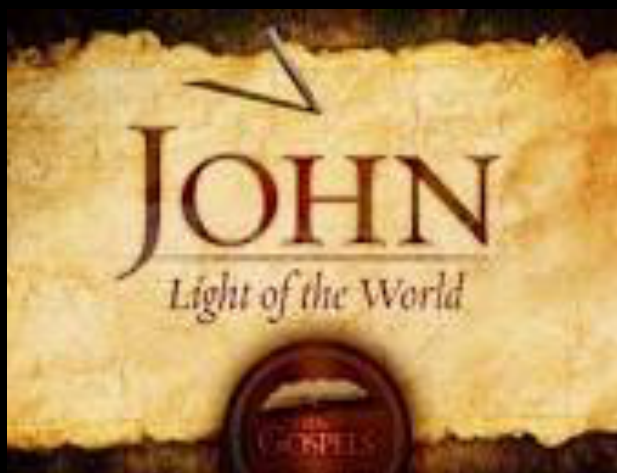


The third petition:

“That you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”



John 10:10 The thief comes only
to steal and kill and destroy; I
have come that they may have
life, and have it to the full.



“I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism Acts 10:34



*He may **strengthen** you with power through his Spirit in your (heart)*

*Christ may **dwell** in your hearts through faith.*

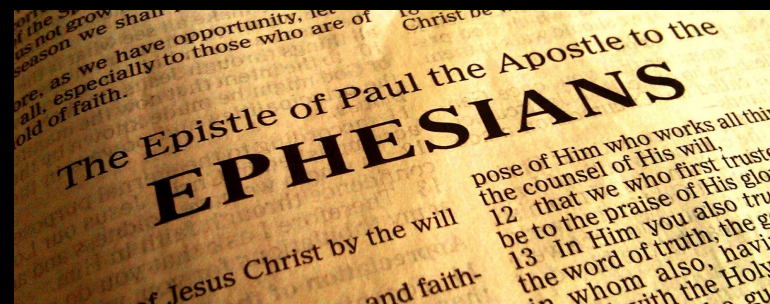
*May have power...to **grasp**... the love of Christ*

*To **know** this love that surpasses knowledge*

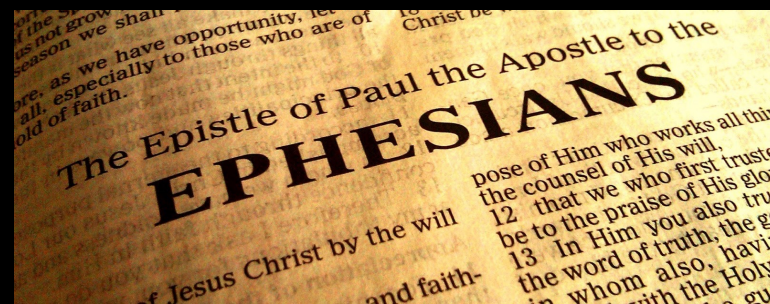
May be **filled** to the measure of all the fullness of God.



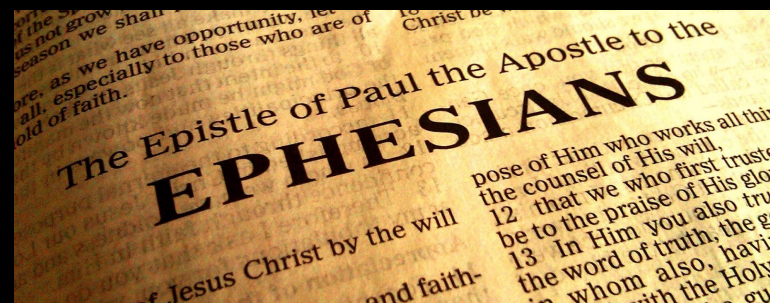
“I want you through the power of the Spirit to have power to **grasp** the love of Christ, how wide and high and long and deep.”



And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,



And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, *together with all the saints*, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,



How wide is the love of Christ?

“O Lord Jesus Christ, you have bought us by thy blood for God from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation”? Revelation 5:9



How long is the love of Christ?

*The Lamb who was slain from
the creation of the world.*

Revelation 13:8



How deep is the love of Christ?

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:6,7



How high is the love of Christ?

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

John 17:24



“If we let him, he can make the feeblest and filthiest of us into such dazzling, radiant, immortal creatures, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine. He’s going to make us bright stainless mirrors which reflect back to God perfectly, though of course on a smaller scale, his own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful, but that is what we are in for. Nothing less.”

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”



