

Why do you think Paul is praying this prayer for these Christians in Ephesus?

Do you think this prayer is one that we need to pray for ourselves and for this church? Why?

Verse 19b

Where should knowing and experiencing the love of Christ lead?

Ephesians 3:19

What does it mean to be filled with all the fullness of God?

2 Corinthians 3:18

Romans 8:29

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Peter 1:15-16

For this to happen what will we need?

Ephesians 3:20-21

How do these verses challenge you in regard to what you pray for?

EPHESIANS LINE BY LINE

The story so far...

Paul has been reminding the church in Ephesus about how God, out of love has showed mercy to them, by saving and then uniting both Jew and Gentile to one another, and together to God.

After informing them that he is in prison for preaching the gospel to the Gentiles – the gospel which unites Jews and Gentiles together to God (“the mystery”), he then moves on to tell them what he is praying for them in the light of these truths.

Paul, first, asks the Father to give them power by His Spirit in their inner being so that Christ may dwell in their hearts.

Ephesians 3:17b-19

*“that you,
being rooted
and
grounded in love,*

*may have strength to comprehend
with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge,*

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

Verses 17b

What does Paul want for the Ephesian Christians?

Ephesians 3:17b

What love is Paul speaking of at the end of verse 17?

What does it mean to be...?

Rooted in this love:

Grounded in this love:

How does this love Paul is talking about compare with the love that is promoted by our culture?

Verse 18-19a

As well as praying for power in their inner being so that Christ may dwell in their hearts, what else does Paul pray for them?

Ephesians 3:18

How are they to do this?

Ephesians 3:18

What will comprehending this love with all the saints look like?

Why aren't we to do this comprehending in isolation?

By using these four dimensions, what is Paul saying about the love of Christ?

Ephesians 3:18

How is Christ's love wide?

Ephesians 2:19

John 3:16

How is Christ's love long?

Ephesians 1:4-5

Jeremiah 31:3

1 Corinthians 13:8

How is Christ's love high?

Ephesians 2:6-7

How is Christ's love deep?

Ephesians 2:1-3

What does Paul mean in verse 19, when he says that he wants them to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge?