

## Ephesians 3:14-22 Know the Love of God. Session 6

1. Paul desired to encourage the Christians in Ephesus so he prayed for them. What is the reason for his prayer? (V14) To whom is he addressing his prayer? (V 15)
2. What is he asking God to grant them? (V 16) How?
3. Paul's prayer demonstrates his statement in v 12. What does it demonstrate and how? Why can we have confidence to approach God?
4. What two specific things does Paul ask for in v 17? What is the source of our security?
5. What does Paul pray for all God's people to apprehend, grasp and know? (V 18) What will enable us to do this?
6. Paul prays that we might "know his love that **surpasses knowledge**". (V 19) How do we explain this apparent contradiction? What does Paul ask that we be filled with?
7. If a vessel is to be filled it first needs to be empty. Think of what we need to empty ourselves of or to give up to God in order to be filled.
8. What is God able to do through us and by what means does God do this? Are there limits to what God will do? What can we ask of God? (V 20)
9. How does Paul finish his prayer? (V 21)

### Simple prayer based on Ephesians 3

*Thank you God, for strengthening me with mighty power in my inner being by your Holy Spirit. I pray that Christ makes His permanent home in my heart through faith and that I stay rooted and grounded in him. Amen.*

This can be prayed for yourself or for others.

### Notes:

V 17 **Rooted** = to cause to root, become stable, to render firm; **Grounded** = established, founded, settled

v. 18 – "to **grasp** how wide..." Apprehend, comprehend, know, to take eagerly

v 19 "and to **know**" = to perceive, to understand, intimate knowledge; "this love that **surpasses**" = 'hyperballo' exceeds excel, pass; **knowledge** = 'gnosis' general intelligence, especially of religion

v. 20 **able to do** = to work, perform; **exceeding** = exceedingly abundantly, immeasurably; **more** = above, more than, very highly; **all** = whatsoever, anything, all; **ask** = desire, require, crave call for; **think** = understand, perceive, consider, imagine; "According to the **power**" = 'dunamis'; force, power, mighty work, strength, miracle, might, virtue mighty.