



A PASTOR'S PRAYER

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

A LOVE to KNOW: Ephesians 3:17b, 18a, 19a

- 1) **A FOUNDATIONAL Love – you can BUILD your LIFE on it:** Eph 3:17b
 - a) **That foundational LOVE is JESUS:** Colossians 2:6–7a. See also: Acts 4:11; Colossians 1:23; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:6-7
 - b) **A FRUIT-BEARING Love:** Galatians 5:22
- 2) **A GREATER Love:** Ephesians 3:17b, 18a, 19ab
 - a) **An EXPERIENCED love (not mere head knowledge):** 1 Jn 4:9–10
 - b) **An ADOPTING love:** 1 John 3:1. See also: John 1:12; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 5:1
 - c) **An OVERFLOWING love:** 1 John 4:8, 11
 - d) **An UPBUILDING love:** 1 Corinthians 8:1. See: Ephesians 4:16
 - e) **A NECESSARY love:** 1 Corinthians 13:1–3
- 3) **A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL unrelenting, undefeatable Love:** Ephesians 3:17b, 18acde, 19a
 - a) **Higher = more uplifting; Deeper = more penetrating; Broader = more inclusive; Longer = more far-reaching than any love!**
 - b) **More SECURE:** Romans 8:38–39

A LIFE to be FILLED: Ephesians 3:19c

- 1) **Do you recognize the SYMPTOMS of an EMPTY LIFE?** Jeremiah 2:11–13. See also: Isaiah 55:2; John 4:13, 6:27
- 2) **We all need an INDWELLING living SAVIOR:** Ephesians 3:17a
- 3) **Jesus INDWELT human form that He may also FULLY INDWELL us:** Colossians 2:9–10a
- 4) **Only through Jesus INDWELLING US will we begin to truly LIVE:** John 10:10. See: John 1:4
- 5) **Only JESUS can truly SATISFY:** John 6:35. See also: John 14:6
- 6) **Only JESUS can FILL our LIFE with all we've ever NEEDED or WANTED:** Colossians 3:4

A GLORY to PURSUE: Ephesians 3:20a, 21a

- 1) **A PEOPLE in pursuit of God's GLORY:** Eph. 3:20a, 21 See: Rom 11:36
 - a) **In ALL of LIFE:** 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - b) **With ALL that we HAVE and ARE:** 1 Peter 4:10, 11b
 - c) **By ALL who BELIEVE in Jesus:** John 17:10 See also: 2 Thess. 1:10
- 2) **A SAVIOR in pursuit of God's GLORY:** Ephesians 3:20a, 21abc
 - a) **An ACCOMPLISHED work:** John 17:4
 - b) **An ONGOING work:** John 12:28. See also: John 16:14, 17:5
- 3) **FOREVER:** Ephesians 3:20a, 21

A STRENGTH to HAVE: Ephesians 3:16ac

- 1) **A NECESSARY strength:** Ephesians 6:10. See also: Deut. 31:6
- 2) **A GIFTED strength:** Ephesians 3:16abc
- 3) **A SPIRITUAL strength:** Ephesians 3:16abcd. See also: Zech. 4:6
- 4) **An INNER strength:** Ephesians 3:16
- 5) **A DEATH DEFEATING and LIFE-GIVING strength:** Ep 1:16, 18, 19–20
- 6) **A SUSTAINING and JOY BRINGING strength:** Colossians 1:11
- 7) **A strength GREATER than we can IMAGINE:** Ephesians 3:20
 - a) **The strength to ASK boldly:** John 14:13
 - b) **The strength to BEAR Gospel FRUIT:** John 15:8
 - c) **The strength to DO the SAME WORKS and even GREATER WORKS than Jesus:** Philippians 4:13

A Holy FAMILY (COMMUNITY of faith) to GROW with: Ephesians 3:18b

- 1) **One FATHER:** Ephesians 3:14; 4:5–6
- 2) **One FAMILY:** Ephesians 3:15; 4:2–4a
- 3) **GROWING together INTO a DWELLING place for God:** Ephesians 3:14; Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians 2:19–22

“Gospel In Life” questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?
- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 Corinthians 13