

# *Ephesians*

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<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

<sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

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<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

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<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

<sup>21</sup> **to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Being rooted and grounded in love**

What was realized according to the Father's eternal purpose? **3:9-11**

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**His eternal purpose was realized in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the Mystery! Hidden!!**

What are 2 things we have in Christ Jesus? **3:12a, 2:18; Rom.5:2; Heb.4:15-16, 10:19-22**

**We have boldness (confidence) and access (into this grace in which we stand!)**

And how do we obtain these 2 things? **3:12b; Heb.4:16; Mt.27:45-54; Lev.16:1-2**

**We have boldness and access to the throne of grace by our faith in Him (Christ Jesus)!**

So, because of this gift of access to the throne of grace, what did he want? **3:13; IICor.4:16**

**He wants them not to lose heart (faint) by his sufferings for them! It's your blessing!**

Paul's prayer for them: For this reason (suffering for them), what does he do? **3:14; Rom.1:16**

**Paul, chained to Roman guards, bowed his knees before the Father. Not ashamed...!**

What does Paul mean in **vs.15**? Universal fatherhood?? **3:15; Lu.3:38; Jn.1:11-13; IJn.3:1-2**

**All have the fatherhood of God by creation. But only believers have Him by new new birth**

What is now Paul's first prayer (of 4) for them? **3:16; Rom.7:22; IICor.4:16**

**He may grant you to be strengthened w/power, through His Spirit, in your inner being!**

What is the glaring difference of this prayer and most of our prayers? **3:16b; Phil.2:25-30**

**Most of our prayers are for the 'outer being'. That's not wrong, but it is not #1! Change!!**

How had Paul learned this first hand? **IICor.12:7-10**

**Paul's thorn in the flesh was in the outer being. But he wanted strength/inner being more!**

How do we see the results of His power in our inner being? **Phil.4:13; IICor.4:16; Zech.10:12**

**We don't lose heart with our outer being wasting away! Inner being is renewed daily!!**