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What is Paul's prayer here for the Ephesians? 3:16, 1:7, 18; Jn.14:23, 17:23

What does Paul give as the 'why' for this 'inner being strength'? 3:17a; Rom.8:9; Deut.19:1-26

And when Christ is *at home* in your heart through faith what happens? 3:17b; Jn.14:23; Gal.2:20

Being rooted/grounded in love, what's the result? 3:18; Lu.6:48; Col.2:6-7; ITim.1:14-16

And to know... what? 3:19; Jn.17:3; IJn.4:9-14; Phil.4:7

What is the perfect demonstration of the love of Christ? Rom.5:6-11, IJn.4:9-10

Prayer conclusion: To Him (Father, 3:16) who is able to do...? 3:20; Jer.32:17, 27; Jn.10:29

How does Paul repeat this phenomenal truth? ICor.2:9; Eph.1:19

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You become rooted and grounded in love! That's the '4<sup>th</sup>' dimension (3:18)!

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<u>That Christ died in our place, while we were sinners!</u> We were totally guilty! Lost in sin...

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