

Ephesians 3:14-24

Points to Consider

1. Strengthened by God
2. Filled with God
3. Bringing Glory to God

Strengthened by God

Eph 3:14-16

“For this reason” could refer to God’s greatness in revealing the incredible mystery that His **eternal** plan always included salvation for all people through Jesus.

It could also refer to the Gentiles not losing heart because of his tribulation on their account.

Paul _____ his knees to the _____.

Acts 20:36-38; Acts 21:5-6

Getting on our _____ before God is good position to take when praying. See also (2 Chron 6:13; Dan 6:10; Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40)

... from whom the whole family on earth is named (15).

This refers either to God or Jesus. However, most translations don’t include the phrase “of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We are called Christians, but God is still our Father and the _____ of the family.

Paul is not referring to local churches. He mentions the _____ family on earth.

... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man...(16).

Paul’s prayer was that God would answer his prayer according to the _____ of His glory.

Paul knew that _____ can strengthen our inner man like no one else can. In our prayers we often ask God to comfort those suffering “as only you can.”

2 Cor 4:16-18

Our inner man needs to be strengthened daily due to the affliction we face _____.

Rom 12:1-2

Our inner man is renewed by _____ to let our minds be conformed to this world.

Phil 4:8-9

Meditating on God’s _____, is at least in part, the way the Spirit renews our inner man.

Practical Application: Pray on your knees sometime this week. Pray that He would strengthen our inner man.

Filled with God

Eph 3:17-19

Paul's prayer included that Christ dwell in their hearts through _____.

Gal 2:20-21 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."*

We want Christ to _____ in our hearts. For Christ to reign in our hearts, we must first die to self and sin.

We are to be _____ and grounded in love. (silver maple)

Col 2:6-7 *As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.* NKJV

To the Colossians, he wrote for them to be rooted in _____. As Christians we should be solidly rooted in Christ and His love.

The word "grounded" comes from a word meaning "foundation". Our foundation is _____.

Paul wants us to understand the _____ of Christ's love.

The greater our comprehension of God's love the _____ it will be for us to show love to others.

Christ's love _____ knowledge.

Paul wanted them to be filled with all the fulness of _____.

The word "filled" comes from a word that refers to a net being crammed with fish or a hole being filled to level.

- In 1:29 he talks about the fulness of time.
- In 1:23 Paul says that the church is the "fulness of Him who fills all in all."
- In 4:13 Paul wants us all to come to a "fulness of Christ."

Practical Application: Pray that Christ would dwell in us, that we would be rooted and grounded in His love, that each of us would be filled with God's fullness, and that God would strengthen our inner man.

For God's Glory

Eph 3:20-21

Adam Clarke says that the phrase "exceedingly abundantly above" means "superabundantly above the greatest abundance."

His power goes _____ beyond what we can imagine in our wildest dreams. God's power to work in us is only limited by us.

God's power works through people who have Christ dwelling in their hearts through faith, who are rooted and grounded in love, and who are filled with the fulness of God!

Phil 2:9-11

Everything and everyone should bring glory to _____.

Practical Application: Pray that God receives glory in your life and in this local church.