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Ephesians 3:14-21

“The Strength Of The Spirit v16, Indwelling Of Christ v17, & Fullness Of God v19”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

In the Greek language Ephesians is made up of 8 long sentences from start to finish. Vv 14-19 make up one of those eight sentences.

In Scripture there are various positions listed in which people pray: standing, kneeling, and lying prostrate, for example.

The more knowledge a Christian has of Christ the more amazed at Christ's love for him he becomes. Paul prays that they will love each other as one in Him.

Do you ever pray for the welfare of others? Prayer is to be a constant effort of our daily living. When is the last time you bowed before God and prayed for someone?

Vv 17b-19a, love is an attitude of selflessness. To love is determined by the will and not by circumstances or other people, the same is true when one does not love. To be rooted and grounded in love is to be rooted and grounded in God. There can be no other source. The breadth, length, height, and depth of God's love are adjectives being used to describe the vastness of God's love. On the other hand, to be filled with rage is to be totally dominated by rage and hatred. To love well is to be totally dominated by God. To be filled with God is to be emptied of self. On the flip side read [John 8:42-47](#).

V 21, “The honour of Jesus is in the hands of the church.” *G. H. P. Thompson*

Application:

“In his booklet *My Heart Christ's Home*, Robert Munger pictures the Christian life as a house, through which Jesus goes from room to room. In the library, which is the mind, Jesus finds trash and all sorts of worthless things, which He proceeds to throw out and replace with His Word. In the dining room of appetite He finds many sinful desires listed on a worldly menu. In the place of such things as, prestige, materialism, and lust He puts humility, meekness, love, and all the other virtues for which believers are to hunger and thirst. He goes through the living room of fellowship, where He finds many worldly companions and activities, through the workshop, where only toys are being made, into the closet, where hidden sins are kept, and so on through the entire house. Only when He had cleaned every room, closet, and corner of sin and foolishness could He settle down and be at home.” Quote of a quote from *John MacArthur*