

Ephesians 3:18b NIV

...to **grasp** how **wide** and **long** and **high** and **deep** is
the love of Christ...



God of Love

Creator and holder of my heart,

You've held nothing back.

You have loved me with all of You, more than I can comprehend.

But You don't wait for me to understand before You come and take my hand.



God of Love

Your powerful, tender love encircles me, it captures me,
it unravels me... I'm tangled in a love that sets me free.

I can't help but kneel before You in gratitude, to think that You,
my KING, would dwell in me.



God of Love

Your love roots me.

Your love establishes me.

I lack nothing - Your love fills me in every way.

So I breathe deep.

I rest.

I thank You.





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The love of Christ

Knowing Him & Being Known

Ephesians 3:14-22






**What's so unique
about the book of
Ephesians?**

WHO it's written to





What's so unique about the book of **Ephesians?**

WHO it's written to

HOW it's written/organized

1-3 The **Heavenly Calling** of the Church

4-6 The **Earthly Conduct** of the Church





Ephesians 3:14-15 NIV

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.



Ephesians 3:16 NIV

I pray that out of his **glorious riches** he may strengthen you with **power** through his **Spirit** in your **inner being**...



From where?

Ephesians 3:16 ^{NIV}

I pray that **out of his glorious riches** he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being...



What?

Ephesians 3:16 NIV

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may **strengthen** you with **power** through his Spirit in your inner being...



How?

Ephesians 3:16 NIV

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power **through his Spirit** in your inner being...



Where?

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I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit **in your inner being...**



Why?

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Ephesians 3:17 ^{NIV}

so that Christ may **dwell** in your hearts through **faith...**





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so that Christ may **dwell** in your hearts through **faith**.
And I pray that you, being **rooted** [and **grounded**]
and **established** in love,



Ephesians 3:18 ^{NIV}

may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to **grasp** how **wide** and **long** and **high** and **deep** is the love of Christ...





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He blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places ^{1:3}





Wide: includes everyone

Long: timeless

High: endless

Deep: reaches down
into darkness

God accepts Gentile and Jew... whoever... anyone ^{2:11-18}

He chose us before the foundation of the world ^{1:4-5}

He blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places ^{1:3}

He reached down to the lowest levels of depravity to redeem those who were dead in their trespasses and sins. ^{2:1-3}



“No **eye** has seen,
no **ear** has heard,
no **mind** has conceived...
what God has prepared
for those who love him.”

1 Corinthians 2:9





and to **know** this
love that surpasses
knowledge—

Ephesians 3:19a ^{NIV}

HEAD knowledge

Informational. Emphasizes the “WRITTEN Word”





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HEAD knowledge

Informational. Emphasizes the “WRITTEN Word”

HEART knowledge

Experiential. Emphasizes the “LIVING Word”





that you may be **filled**
to the measure of **all**
the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:19b ^{NIV}





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How big/great/powerful is your God?

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It's **His** LOVE for **us...**
and **our** LOVE for Him that defines us.





Ephesians 3:20 MEV

Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly beyond** all that we ask or imagine, **according to the power** that works in us...



What?

Ephesians 3:20 ^{MEV}

Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine**, according to the power that works in us...

...



How?

Ephesians 3:20 ^{MEV}

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine, **according to the power that works in us...**



Ephesians 3:21 NIV

to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.





So now what?

What has God said to YOU about YOU tonight?

What has God reminded YOU of?

Based upon Paul's prayer how might each day *this week* be a wee bit different... than *last week*?



Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good”

How might you “taste His love” this week?

James 1:22 “Be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.”

How might you “do” his love this week?

Not just preach/teach it... but practice it... live it.

Just do it!





How might we go beyond **head**
knowledge to **heart** knowledge...
beyond **head** love to **heart** love?





A Simple and Fail-Safe 30-Second First Step

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A Simple and Fail-Safe 30-Second First Step

P
R
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A Simple and Fail-Safe 30-Second First Step

Pause & pray

R

A

Y





A Simple and Fail-Safe 30-Second First Step

**Pause & pray
Rejoice
A
Y**





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Rejoice
Ask
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Rejoice
Ask
Yield

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