

PRAYING LIKE PAUL PLP-23 “The Stimulus To Pray”

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PAUL’S PRAYER

EPH 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

This is certainly one of the most well-known and taught-upon of Paul’s prayers. The attention that he gives to what the Believer needs to have through union with Christ, and to comprehend about the Love of God is a desire for each of us.

But again notice: This is not Paul “teaching” ... but Paul “praying” Paul looks to God to bring about these results in the lives of each Believer. Within this prayer are “keys” to Paul’s “Stimulus to Pray”.

THE CONTEXT

As I have often expressed, Paul’s prayers are almost always in the context of what precedes or follows the prayer.

This is shown by Paul’s phrase in VERSE 14, “*For this reason...*” which is a continuation of the prayer he began in VERSE 1, “*For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles...*”

- *The inclusion of the Gentiles in the work of Salvation through the death of Jesus Christ...*
- *Their Union with the Jews into One Body in Jesus Christ...*
- *Their membership in the “Household of God” ... “His Dwelling Place”*

The Ephesians, as well as Gentiles throughout the Empire, were being excluded from being a part of the Church unless they became Jews first through the rituals of the Law.

Paul’s prayer is for the Believers to fully come to an understanding of what God has done through Jesus Christ... what they have... and WHY He did it...

THE PRAYER

EPH 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named...

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory

He may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith -

that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints

what is the breadth

and length

and height

and depth,

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.