

# PRAYING LIKE PAUL

## PLP-24 “Unto The Father”

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### PAUL’S PRAYER

**EPH 3:14** For this reason I bow my knees before the FATHER, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of HIS glory HE may grant you to be strengthened with power through HIS SPIRIT in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that CHRIST may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of CHRIST that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of GOD.

In this prayer, Paul turns to his desire to see the Believers come to a full understanding of some of the blessings of what they have received. These blessings include in his prayer a full understanding of the “Love of God” that was shown in bringing the Gentiles and Jews together into one Body... the Dwelling Place of God.

One of the “Truths” revealed in the Scriptures is the mystery of the 3-Fold Person of God: “God in 3 Persons”... FATHER-SON-SPIRIT Each of Person is revealed in various ways of interaction in the work of redemption and humanity.

In Paul’s prayer he invokes all “3” in answer to his request.

### A UNIQUE CONSTRUCTION

- I bow my knees before the Father... -
- “Through HIS SPIRIT in your inner being...” -
- “So that CHRIST may dwell...” -

Paul has already shown this interaction in CHAPTER 1:3-14

**EPH 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ...

<sup>13</sup> “[you] were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

Peter also shows this unique interaction of the Godhead:

**1 PETER 1:2** “...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood...”

Paul knows that as the Believers grow in their understanding of the greatness and magnitude of God’s Love, the fullness of the Godhead will and must be involved. And so... He Prays!

### THE PETITIONS OF HIS PRAYER

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

Each petition is offered with both the reason for and the results of his prayer...

These are things that go beyond what can be taught... they MUST be revealed and fulfilled by God’s work in each Believer...