

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-26 “That Christ May Dwell” Pt2

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EPH 3:16-17A [NKJV] “...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;

As Paul progresses into this prayer, his desire is that the Believers would realize the “in-dwelling” presence of Christ... so as to be able to “comprehend” the incredible love of God toward us.

THAT GOD WOULD GRANT

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

- That He would grant you...
- According to the riches of His glory...
- To be strengthened... With might...
- Through His Spirit in the inner man...

THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL

Vs 17a “... [So] that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

- **May dwell...** –
 - Not: “**might dwell**” – as if it is questionable whether He will or not He will dwell...
 - **It is: “may dwell”** – a matter of agency... through the principles received in **VERSE 16** the reality of His “dwelling presence” will be known...
- **DWELL**
 - 2 Applications of “Dwell”
 - “Dwell...” – “**Katoikeo**” - to settle-down at home... to occupy the place - a more descriptive sense than “Mong” (to Abide - be there”) – to be at ease, fully enjoy, be “at home”

- This does not negate / conflict with the reality of the fact that every Believer is “**IN Christ**” and “**Christ is IN them**”

THE FULLNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST

COL 2:2-3 “that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of GOD’S mystery, which is **CHRIST**,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

CHRIST IN YOU

Col 1:27 To [the Saints] GOD chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **CHRIST IN you**, the hope of glory.

YOU IN CHRIST

COL 2:9-10 For **in HIM** the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,¹⁰ [and **you ARE IN HIM... having been made complete**], who is the **HEAD** of all rule and authority.

- “...**In your Hearts through faith...**”
 - **Christ IN You** – At the New Birth we are “recreated in the image and likeness of God” and Christ takes up residence with our spirit...
 - **Christ dwelling IN our Hearts** – This is when we have allowed Christ to take-up residence in our “Heart” (our mind; intellect; will) bringing His control into live by the Spirit...
- **Through faith...** The only way for Christ’s “In-Dwelling presence” to take control is “through faith”

Paul wants Believers “**to be able to RULE**” over the tendencies to **division** / **strife** / **jealousy** / that are “**natural to man**” BUT negated by the “**Cross of Christ**” **EPH 2:13-22**
Trough the realization of the “**gifts granted according to God’s riches**” the Believers will find “**Christ fully at Home**” in their Hearts...