

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-27 “To Know the Un-Knowable”

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EPH 3:16-19 [NKJV] “...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints; what is the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Paul’s desire to see the Believers learn to abide in the love and harmony of “one Body in Christ” would depend in their recognition of all that God has purposed for them. What God has done IN them, must be demonstrated in what God wants to do THROUGH them. Through his teaching, Paul would reveal the great work that God has done in, and for them. Through his prayers they would be brought to a greater realization of God’s great love and come to understand His plan for the redeemed.

ROOTED AND GROUNDED

Vs 16-18 “that you, being rooted and grounded in love,”

- “That you...”
 - “[having been] rooted...” – the source of this love...
 - “and [having been] grounded...” – the established stability
 - “in love...” - Agape – An abiding love that is freely given and un-restricted by the actions or worthiness of the object -

ABLE TO COMPREHEND

Vs 17b “...may be able to comprehend with all the saints; what is the width and length and depth and height...”

The 3rd petition in this prayer is Paul’s desire that the Believers be able to “comprehend” what is “beyond comprehension”

- “Able to Comprehend...” – may have the “strength / competence” to “seize / possess” for yourself / as your own -

- “With all the Saints...” - THIS is what Paul wants us to understand...
 - What Christ did for us personally
 - Was to bring us into ONE BODY corporately
- Width... – “ALL encompassing” NO ONE excludable... undesirable... unacceptable
- Length... – “ALL-reaching” – from Fall to End of Time – waiting... patient... long-suffering
- Depth... – “ALL enduring” – *Never failing...never ending... never ceasing... to the very depths of God’s Eternal LOVE*
- Height... - - “ALL powerful” – *Nothing higher... nothing greater... UN-opposable*

TO KNOW THE UN-KNOWABLE

- “To know...” – To come to the knowledge / through learning
 - the Love of Christ... – The immensity of Christ’s Love for us...
 - Which surpasses Knowledge... – “Huperballon” – *to throw way beyond* – a knowledge that cannot be finally reached...

FILLED WITH ALL THE FULNESS

“The you may be filled...” – Not potentially BUT through the agency of what he has prayed...

“[to the measure of] the fulness...of God...” – As much as possible – Although we ARE complete, and He HAS filled us... THIS is the experiential knowing of ALL that is IN us...