

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
EPHESIANS, PT. 7 –THE FULLNESS OF LOVE (EPH 3:14-21)
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2018 – BILLY HUMPHREY

I. Introduction

A. Though Paul started the previous section heading toward this prayer but never actually getting there, the details of that section are ultimately a central part of the reason that he launches into prayer for the church, namely:

1. The one new man reality
2. The demonstration of God's wisdom to principalities and powers
3. The unsearchable riches of Christ

B. Paul unlocks a few key truths with this powerful apostolic prayer:

1. The key to strength (might) on the inside of a believer is the revelation of love.
2. The love of God is not only for the spirit of a man it's to strengthen and fill the soul of a man, ultimately impacting his thoughts, will, and emotions.
3. The Love of God is limitless and boundless
4. The Love of God is to be known experientially

C. It's important to recognize that this prayer is the exclamation point on the entire first section of the letter. In other words, all the truths that Paul outlines in chapters 1-3 are in view as Paul prays for believers to come to the fullness of love.

D. In order for the church to stand in the reconciliation purchased on the cross and to be a testimony to the principalities and powers she must come to a fullness of love.

E. The key to the love of God is not simply knowing about it technically, but knowing it experientially.

II. The Fullness of Love

Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 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; 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. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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- B. According to the riches of His glory
- C. Strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man
- D. That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
- E. That you being rooted and grounded in love
- F. May be able to comprehend with all the saints
- G. What is the width and length and depth and height
- H. To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge
- I. That you may be filled with all the fullness of God
- J. Able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think
- K. According to the power that works in us
- L. To Him be glory in the church forever