

### **Ephesians 3:14–21 (NKJV)**

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,<sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,<sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,<sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—<sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>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,<sup>21</sup> to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Interpretation:** *Read through the passage, and then review and make notes under the questions below.*

1. When Paul says that it is “for this reason” that he prays (v. 14), what is the reason that he is referring to in context?

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2. What is the “family” that Paul mentions in v. 15?

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3. What does it mean when Paul speaks of God “grant[ing] you ... to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man” (v. 16)? To what extent should we expect God to carry this out?

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4. Describe actions that would characterize someone in whose heart Christ dwells (v. 17).

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5. What does it mean to be “filled with all the fullness of God” (v. 19)?

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6. How can the church bring glory to someone as infinite and powerful as God (vv. 20–21)?

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**Application:** *Take time to reflect on the implications of Ephesians 3:14–21 for your own life today.*

7. What does this passage mean for your walk with the Lord?

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8. How does this passage challenge the way you think about situations in daily life? What should you do about that?

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**Review and Reflect:** *Take some time to think back over our past six weeks of study in Ephesians 1:1–3:21.*

9. As you review these chapters, what are some great doctrines that have challenged you over the past 6 weeks?

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10. When you think about those doctrines, what are some key passages in Ephesians that you have found meaningful? How has your understanding of God grown through our study so far?

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