

# SERMON NOTES

**PRAYING FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**  
EPHESIANS 3:14-21 | DECEMBER 3, 2023  
SENIOR PASTOR  
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I. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ from the Holy Spirit. (14-16)

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II. Pray to be \_\_\_\_\_ and grounded in love. (17)

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III. Pray for a life-altering \_\_\_\_\_ of our God and His plan. (18)

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IV. Pray to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (19)

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V. Pray to be \_\_\_\_\_ with God in all His greatness. (19)

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VI. Pray with \_\_\_\_\_, knowing God's plan is far above mine. (20)

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VII. Pray for God to be \_\_\_\_\_ in all that is done. (20-21)

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# IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

## KEY PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Pray for strength from the Holy Spirit; Pray to be rooted and grounded in love; Pray for a life-altering knowledge of our God and His plan; Pray to know the love of Jesus; Pray to be filled with God in all His greatness; Pray with confidence, knowing God's plan is far above mine; Pray for God to be glorified in all that is done.*

### INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

1. Paul started out in verse 14, "For this reason..." What was "this reason"?

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2. From the points of the message on Sunday, which areas of prayer do you want to grow in? How is your view of God and your faith in Him impacted by how you pray?

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3. Why do you think we need strength from the Spirit in order to grasp the love of Christ?

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4. Paul said he prayed for us to comprehend God's love "with all the saints." What does that mean? How does that impact your perspective of the importance of the body of Christ?

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5. Paul said he prayed for us to “know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” How would you explain that to a new believer?

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6. Please read verses 20-21 and explain the hope Paul was giving in light of his prayer.

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7. Please list all the things you see about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in this passage. What is the one thing we offer in this passage (vs. 17)? How do all these things impact your worship of and relationship with the Lord?

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## CHALLENGE THE WILL

Based on what you learned in Sunday’s message and in your study time, what is one measurable thing you will go after this week in your walk with Christ?

## WEEKLY READING PLAN

**Monday, December 4 // Ephesians 1:1-14**

*Pray for Understanding of Salvation*

**Tuesday, December 5 // Ephesians 1:15-23**

*Pray for Wisdom and Revelation*

**Wednesday, December 6 // Ephesians 2:1-10**

*Pray for Purpose*

**Thursday, December 7 // Ephesians 2:11-22**

*Pray for Reconciliation*

**Friday, December 8 // Luke 1:46-56**

*Mary’s View of Jesus*