

# THEREFORE

*Love*



**a study on Ephesians**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before  
the Father,

<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and  
on earth is named,      **Ephesians 3:14-15**

## **Prayer for the Church!**

- NOT that they would “experience”  
entertainment or amusement!

Think about verses 1-13 – “For this reason...”

The IMMENSITY of what they are  
comprehending.

**The Mystery – The Gospel!**



<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being,  
<sup>17(a)</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—

**Ephesians 3:16-17**

# Being"

**Glory of God** – Represents ALL His Attributes

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14*

**Power in His Spirit** – Fullness in Christ

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. - 2 Corinthians 12:9*

**Inner Most Being** – “Your Heart”

*“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” - John 4:24*



17<sup>(b)</sup> that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 3:17-19**

# Height, Depth

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**Rooted and Grounded in LOVE -**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

*<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

**Description of God's LOVE -**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

*<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends."*

**God is LOVE -**

**1 John 4:8**

*"Anyone who does not love does not know God because God is*

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

<sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Ephesians 3:20-21**



# Prayer, Preparation, & Planting

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”* - Romans 12:1-2

**God’s Will, is MORE than we could ask or think!**  
**The Spirit is needed, NOT more physical stuff...**

**Chapters 1-3 – Prayer, Preparation & Planting**

**For the Spiritual Lessons of Chapters 1-3**



***“To everyone wanting a safe, untroubled, comfortable life free from danger, stay away from Jesus. The danger in our lives will always increase in proportion to the depth of our relationship with Christ.”***

**- David Platt**

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