

Ephesians 3:14-21 "The Power of His Love"
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(Ephesians 3:14) For this reason I kneel before the Father,

(Romans 3:21-24) But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26-29 "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

- Time spent with God results in a vibrant relationship with God

Personal quiet time with God teaches us:

1. To Selah... to rest, to pause, to reflect
2. Humility (John 15:5 + Philipians 4:13)

(John 15:5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

(Philipians 4:13) I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

3. Brokenness (Psalm 51:17)

(Psalms 51:17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

(Ephesians 3:15) from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV) "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

(Ephesians 3:16) I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Philippians 1:3-6 "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Colossians 1:9-10 "For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 "We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

- CF - Prayer is the lifeline of spiritual strength and power

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

- Those who are confident in self will receive no strength from God

Romans 7:22 “For in my inner being I delight in God's law...”

(Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

(Ephesians 3:17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

John 14:23 “Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”



(Ephesians 3:18) may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Romans 5:5 “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

- The measure of God’s love for us = John 3:16

(John 3:16) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(Ephesians 3:19) and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Matthew 23:15; 33 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are. ³³“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?”

- Filled with all the fullness of God is to be emptied of self

(Ephesians 3:20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

- Faith Builder: God can do anything!

1 Corinthians 2:9 “However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him...”

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

(Ephesians 3:21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation. NKJV = New King James Version.