

PRAYER FOR SUPERNATURAL POWER

Ephesians 3:14-21

INTRODUCTION: Paul pulls back the curtain on how he prays for believers. He's not asking for comfort or convenience, but for supernatural power—strength in the inner person, deep experience of Christ's love, and a life that brings God glory beyond anything we could imagine.

I. PAUL'S POSTURE AND PERSPECTIVE IN PRAYER *vv.14-15*

A. The reason for Paul's prayer. *v.14*

1. When we go back to verse 1 of this chapter, we see Paul starting this prayer before getting sidetracked with the message of the mystery. *Ephesians 3:1, Ephesians 3:6*
2. The reason for his prayer is directly related to what he said in the first 2 chapters, as opposed to the preceding verses. *Ephesians 3:1, v.14*
3. He is now jumping back into his heartfelt prayer for the Ephesian church.

B. Bowing before the Father. *v.14*

1. Bowing down in prayer is a posture of humility. *Mark 11:25*
2. This is an act of worship as Paul recognizes God as King and Creator. *Psalms 95:3-6*
3. Paul also recognizes God as the Father, denoting his understanding of his position as the child. *v.14*

C. Praying to the Father of every family. *v.15*

1. God is the source by which all His families are brought together.
2. We are part of every redeemed family in both heaven and earth.
v.15, Hebrews 12:1
3. To be “named” carries the idea that God in fact mentions each of us by name. *2 Timothy 2:19*

II. PRAYER ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF GLORY

A. We are strengthened with His power. *v.16, 2 Peter 1:4 NLT*

1. The strength we receive is aligned with God’s infinite abundance.
2. The power comes from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. *v.16*
3. The “inner being” is not speaking of our spirit, which is already complete in Him, but rather our soul.

B. We are strengthened by Christ’s presence. *v.17*

1. Christ dwells in our hearts which is the center of all physical and spiritual life. *Luke 6:45, 1 Chronicles 17:2*
2. Christ remains central to our lives through our faith in Him. *v.17*
3. It is that act of faith that will keep us rooted and grounded in His love. *v.17*

C. We are strengthened by the knowledge of His love. *vv.17-19*

1. The knowledge of His love is forever expanding. *v.18*

2. His love truly goes beyond our comprehension. v.19
3. Paul's prayer is that we would truly be filled with all the fullness of God. v.19, *John 7:37-39*

III. CHRIST'S ABILITY DESERVES OUR PRAISE vv.20-21

A. God's powerful ability is unlimited. v.20

1. Paul emphasizes the magnitude of God's power with 3 consecutive words: far more abundantly.
2. We don't need to be shy about asking for those things which align with His word. *Matthew 7:11, James 4:3*
3. God's ability goes beyond our own imaginations. v.20

B. It is accomplished by supernatural power. v.20

1. The power is that of the promised Holy Spirit.
2. It is a power that works within ordinary people. *Acts 2:17-18*
3. It was a power that was demonstrated in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. *Acts 10:38, Romans 8:11*

C. The glory of God is to be manifested. v.21

1. It is to be manifested in the church which is also known as both the bride and body of Christ.
2. The bridegroom is Jesus Christ who is the head of the church body. *Philippians 1:11*

3. The interwoven relationship between Christ and the church is to bring glory to God for all times. v.21

CONCLUSION: Ephesians 3:14–21 shows that God intends far more for us than mere survival. He invites us into deep inner strength, real experience of Christ's love, and a life overflowing with His fullness. As we trust His limitless power, our lives and our church become living praise to His glory forever.