

Praying for Power

Ephesians 3:14-21

I. How to Pray - Pray with Humility

A. In Gratitude [3:14]

B. In Desperation [3:15]

C. In Expectation [3:16a]

II. What to Pray - Pray for the Fullness of God's Power & Love

A. We need to be strengthened by the Spirit's power [3:16b-17a]

B. We need power to grasp Christ's love [3:17b-19]

III. Pray with Great Expectations [3:20-21]

A. What is God able to do? [3:20a]

B. How is He able to do it? [3:20b]

C. Why will He do it? [3:21]

Application Questions:

1. What encouraged you in this passage or sermon? What challenged you? What questions did it spark in your mind?
2. What do Paul's prayers in Ephesians [1:15-23 & 3:14-21] tell us about prayer?
3. What do you notice about the way Paul prays for the church at Ephesus? What does that tell us about what is important in the life of a believer?
4. How would you describe what it means for Christ to "dwell in your hearts through faith" [v. 17] to a new Christian or unbeliever?
5. How can the community of Christian brothers and sisters help us "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" [Ephesians 3:18]?
6. Ephesians 3:19 ends with the phrase, "that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." What does that phrase mean? What would that look like in your life?
7. Why do Ephesians 3:20-21 encourage us to pray with great expectations? Why should we pray for God to do amazing things, according to verse 21?

