

Exploring Christ's Vast Love

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 74

Ephesians 3:17b-19a

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For this reason I bend my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom all the¹ Father's family² in the heavens and on earth is named,¹⁶ that He may give to you, in accord with the wealth of His glory, to be made mighty with power through His Spirit, into the inner man¹⁷ - for Christ to make *His* home,³ through faith, in your hearts, in order that you,⁴ being *abidingly* rooted and founded in love,¹⁸ may be quite strong enough to grasp with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and

thus to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, in order that you might be filled to all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now, to the one who is able to do super-abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,⁵ according to His power which operates⁶ in us,²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all the generations of the age of the ages! Amen!

[Ephesians 3:14-21 *DJP*]

Introduction:

I. The _____ation: “In Order That You...” (v. 17b)

A. The Grip: “Being *Abidingly* Rooted and Founded”

1. “Being *abidingly* rooted...”

a. The **tense and voice**

b. The **word**

c. The **reality**

2. “...and [abidingly] founded...”

a. The **word**

b. The **reality**

B. The _____: “In love”

¹ Or *every*.

² Attempt to preserve wordplay between *patēr* [father] and *patria* [group sharing common paternity; family].

³ Or *take permanent housing*. Here the verb *katoikeō* (*make His home*) corresponds to the noun *katoikētērion*, (*permanent housing*) in 2:22.

⁴ Moved up from v. 18 for smoother English; literally, “being *abidingly* rooted and founded¹⁸ in order that you might...”

⁵ Or *perceive*, as in v. 4.

⁶ Or *works*; prev. 1:11, 20; 2:2.

II. The _____ation (vv. 18-19a)

A. Action: "...May Be Quite Strong Enough To Grasp"

1. The _____:

2. The _____:
 - a. Meaning:

 - b. Senses:
 - i. Physical, hostile: Mark ____:18a
 - ii. Spiritual, hostile: John ____:5
 - iii. Spiritual, positive: Philippians ____:12
 - iv. Intellectual: Acts ____:13a

B. _____ion: "With All the Holy Ones"

C. _____ions: "What Is..."

1. "The breadth"

2. "...and length"

3. "...and height"

4. "...and depth"

D. _____ion:

1. "...and thus to know the love of Christ"

2. "...which surpasses knowledge"