

# Ephesians: Unsearchable riches of Christ

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## Study 16: Praying for Power

**READ** Eph 3:14-19 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig Baxter's [sermon](#).

In this second prayer of intercession, Paul prays that God will impart His power to these believers and touch their hearts deeply with a greater awareness of the divine love for them. Paul directs his prayer to the Father and seeks the Spirit's help in pouring out the divine power and love to the people. At the same time, Paul earnestly desires that the resurrected Christ will be close to them, imparting His power and love to them and reigning in every area of their lives.

**Main lesson:** We must pray for the power of Christ to transform our affections and comprehend His love toward us in order to grow to the fullness of God

### Questions:

1. Paul begins his prayer by stating "For this reason ...". What prompts Paul to pray for the church at Ephesus?
2. What is the posture of Paul's prayer and what might you learn from this (v. 14b)? See other examples from Daniel 6:10; Ezra 9:5; Acts 20:36; Luke 22:41.
3. A. According to Paul, who was the one whom he prayed to and how did this give him confidence in His praying (vv. 14c-15)? See Acts 4:23-31 for a vivid example.  
  
B. How might this encourage and inform you as you pray?

4. Summarise the two main petitions of Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:16-19. What are the purposes of these two petitions?
5. How can we experience the power of God's Spirit in the inner man? How is this different from the Spirit's indwelling at salvation (Jn 14:15-17; Rm 8:9-11)?
6. Are there any hidden closets in your life that you haven't allowed Christ to clean out? How can we discover these areas?
7. What does this passage teach us about the resources of God?
8. Why does Paul pray for the church to better comprehend Christ's love for them? What difference might this increased comprehension make to your daily life?
9. Practically speaking, can we do anything to become more rooted and grounded in Christ's love (v. 17b)?
10. How might your prayer life change as a result of this study?

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Acknowledge:** that God is both our caring Father and Sovereign Lord over all people

**Thank:** the Lord in all the many and various ways He has loved you in Christ

**Pray:** that Christ might dwell in your heart through faith as you experience His love