

The Power of Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-21

I. Introduction: Pennies

II. Reading of the Scripture – Ephesians 3:14-21

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

20Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

III. Review: Prayer of Enlightenment – Ephesians 1:15-23

a. Seeing His Power in our Salvation – 2:1-10

b. Seeing His Power in Creating Peace – 2:11-22

c. Seeing His Power made known to the heavenly beings – 3:1-13

IV. The Power of Prayer –

a. Posture –

b. Know who the One is you are praying to – vv. 14, 15

i. The breadth of His love and care (Omniscience)

ii. The amount of His power (Omnipotence)

c. Paul's Prayer Staircase – 4 Steps

i. Strength – vv. 16-17a

ii. Love – v. 17b

iii. Knowledge – vv. 18, 19

iv. Fullness – v. 19

V. Conclusion - dimes