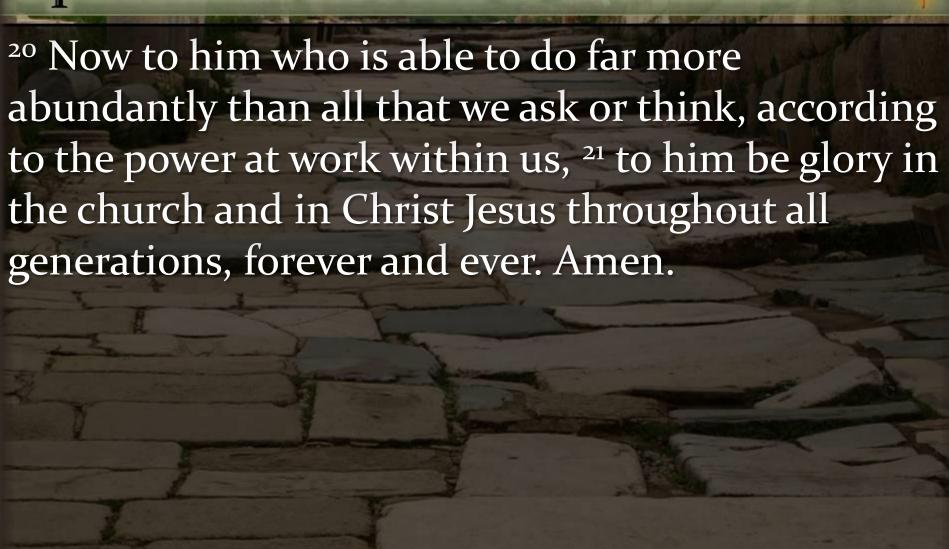


- Series Understanding Becoming Setting for Book
 - Paul founding pastor, in jail
 - Ephesus key city
 - Written to the church
- Today Prays for them from jail
 - 1st prayer recorded enlightenment
 - -2nd prayer enablement

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



- 1. Inner Man Strengthened
 - asking of God...., from his riches
 - a) strengthened how?
 - Power of Holy Spirit
- * Holy Spirit Power
 - Present at Salvation Rom. 8-9
 - Needed to live Christian Life Luke 24;49
- "And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- Power evidenced at arrival Acts 2:4
- Power evidenced in preaching Acts 4:8
- Power evidenced in boldness Acts 4:31
- "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."
 - Power for wisdom Acts 6:10
 - Power in adversity Acts 7:55
 - Power for discernment Acts 13:9

- 59 references to Holy Spirit power in Acts
- inner man strengthened with Holy Spirit Power
- b) strengthened Where?
 - inner man heart new life in Christ
 - new life in Christ supernaturally strengthened

So That.....

- 2. Depth would be Yours
 - 3 images
 - a) Christ Dwell in your Hearts
 - dwell settle down, feel at home, resides, constant and familiar
 - b) Rooted in Love
 - supporting what is above the surface
 - nourishment and anchor
 - what it is rooted in important 1 Cor. 13

- c) Grounded in Love
 - architectural term foundation or support
 - Jesus Matt. 7:24-29
- 3. Strengthened to Comprehend
 - literal to grasp
 - possible to understand and not own it
 - given the ability to grasp the
 - breadth and length
 - height and depth

- 4. Know Love that Surpasses Knowledge
 - experience the love of God affecting....
 - emotion
 - passions
 - priorities
 - permeates my inner man, cannot ignore this
- 5. Filled with the Fullness
 - full no room for anything else
 - filled ongoing and state of being

- 6. Amazing Benediction
 - a) Able to Do
 - far more abundantly
 - exceeding human capacity
 - b) According to Holy Spirit
 - authority, power, desire to do
 - c) To Him be Glory
 - witness in heavens, and to world

So What

- 1. Prayer for one another
 - enlighten us Lord reveal
 - enable us Lord do in us your work
- 2. Pray Together
 - fill us Holy Spirit
 - Strengthen us
 - Grant us Depth
 - Allow us to Comprehend, Experience you
 - Be Glorified enable us to trust