Fullness: Power to Grasp His Love PASTOR DAVE NICODEMUS **EPHESIANS 3:14-21**



His intent was that now, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,



according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Knowing the unknowable, in Christ, empowers the unimaginable.



For this reason I kneel before the Father,



from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.



I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,



so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,



may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,



and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,



to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



— to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 1:10b



And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.



I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.



I believed that life is good and God is harsh. Life is hard and God is good.

Anne Beiler



Empowered through the Triune God (3:14–17a)



Christianity in a sentence: we come to the Father, through the Son by the help of the Holy Spirit.

Ligon Duncan



Empowered Together through the Church (3:17b,18)



He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.



For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.



For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love



He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:5a



For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

Romans 8:38



neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39



And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,



in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.



In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:7,8a



against your sin, not against you because of your sin.

If you are part of Christ's own body, your sins evoke His deepest heart, His compassion and pity. He "takes part with you" — that is, He's on your side. He sides with you

Dane Ortlund



Empowered to Know His Surpassing Love (3:19)



For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him

Colossians 1:19



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