

SESSION 13 A  
EPHESIANS 3.16-17

Overarching Themes in Ephesians: The letter dwells profoundly upon the Person of Jesus Christ and the Church.” RP Martin

Context: Paul’s reflections upon his ministry and upon God’s eternal purpose realized in Christ for the Church, that she would have full access to the Father through Christ Jesus. Through the faith of the Church in Christ Jesus and because of the intercession and advocacy of Jesus on behalf of the Church before the Father, the redemptive manifold wisdom of God is revealed to the world. Trial and tribulation for the believer become a platform for inspirational testimony to God’s faithfulness and through such testimony the Church is built up and encouraged.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:  
That we would learn how to pray effectively, beholding in prayer the majesty of God.  
That we would understand the full ministry of the Holy Spirit within us, to bring the fullness of Christ into the center of our being.

V 16 a How does the Holy Spirit lead Paul to begin his prayer for the Church?

How again would you define the glory of God?

Always remember the physical is limited, finite, and is passing away. The spiritual alone has the aroma of infinity reflecting the Essence of the unseen God Who breathed all things into reality.

What happens when we begin prayer by acknowledging the greatness of the glory of God?

V 16 b What is Paul’s first prayer request for the Church?

What do you think “with might” means, and where does this might come from?

Through Whose ministry does the strengthening of the Church take place?

What within us is the target for the Holy Spirit’s ministering the might of Christ in accordance with the Father’s desires?

What does Paul mean by “the inner man”?

V 17 a What is the ultimate goal of the Holy Spirit’s ministry in the sanctuary of your soul?      Col.1.27      2 Cor 4.16      Phil 4.13      Jn 14.23

V 17 b What do you think Paul means by the phrase “rooted and grounded in love”?

What then is the status of your soul when the fullness of Christ Jesus indwells you by faith?