

SESSION 13 B
EPHESIANS 3.18-21

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

Context: Paul's first prayer request for the Church invoking the riches of the glory of God, that the might of Christ Jesus be ministered to the essence and innermost spiritual core of the believers comprising the Church and that these believers would be rooted in and held fast by the love of Christ.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This Session:

To comprehend the fullness of God's redemptive plan for all creation accomplished in Christ Jesus

To be permeated inside and out by the agape love of Christ Jesus that empowers a ministry that reflects the glory of God back to Him.

V 18 What is Paul's second prayer request for the Church?

What has the redemptive plan of God been called up to this point? 3.9 1.9-10

What is so important about the Church's understanding the redemptive plan of God?

Seeing the mission as God sees it

Receiving the Answer as God gives It

Charting the course as God reveals it

V 19a What is Paul's third prayer request for the Church?

How does this request relate to the previous one?

What do you think to "know" means in this verse?

What is the platform for intimacy and what is the great enemy of this platform? Ps 46.10

How does Paul describe the love of Christ and what do you think he means by this description? Jn 15.13 Rom 5.6-8 Jn 10.8

What then is the fundamental essence of Christ's love?

What is the result of knowing the love of Christ?

What does "filled with the fullness of God" mean to you?

Gen 1.26-27

1 Jn4. 15-16

V20-21 Paul's concluding doxology

What monumental truth does Paul include in the first verse of this doxology?

What is Paul's actual request within this doxology?

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

1. That through the ministry of the Holy Spirit the might of Christ Jesus would strengthen the innermost essence of the believers comprising the Church through Christ's indwelling them
2. That the Church would comprehend the richness and profundity of God's redemptive plan for creation.
3. That the believers comprising the Church would have intimate knowledge of the love of Christ and thereby be filled with the fullness of God, His agape love for a fallen creation