

THE STUDY OF EPHESIANS

LESSON 10 QUESTIONS

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

TURN ON THE POWER

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

1. The Apostle Paul gives us 5 progressive steps in the verses we are studying today. These are called “*hina*” purpose clauses, meaning ... do this in order that this may happen... it is a sequence as, one thing must occur before the next can occur. Identify each of the 5 progressive steps in verses 16b-20.

1. to be _____ through _____ in the _____ man. (Inner Strength)
2. so that _____ in _____ through faith. (Indwelling Christ)
3. and that you _____ and _____ in _____. (Incomprehensible Love)
4. that you _____ be _____ to all _____ of _____. (Infinite Fullness)
5. to Him who is able to do _____ more _____ all that we _____ or _____, according to the _____ that _____ within _____. (Internal Power)

2. Briefly describe what the Apostle Paul means by “the inner man.”

3. According to these verses Acts 1:8a; Gal. 5:16; Col. 3:16a; Ps. 119:11, how are we strengthened with power in the inner man?

4. What is the result of the fact that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith? (3:17)

5. Paul uses the idea of a tree being “rooted” to speak of the believers’ lives. “Grounded” refers to the foundation of the believers as one body. What is Paul hoping the believers will become, if love does for them what soil does for a tree? See also John 13:34; Psalms 1:2-3; 1 Thess. 3:12; I Tim. 4:6.

What occurs when believers are rooted and grounded in love?

That we “may be able to _____ with all the _____ what is the _____ and _____ and _____ and _____, and to know the _____ of Christ which _____.”

6. Comprehension of love comes from being continually immersed in the things of God. Elaborate on this thought using these verses: Job 23:12; Jeremiah 15:16.

7. Was there a time when you faced tribulation and found that your roots were not grounded in God's love? What can you do to make sure that you are rooted and grounded in God's love in the future?

8. It is incredible and indescribable to think about being filled with the Spirit (3:16) and being filled with Christ (3:17), but now... in verse 19, to be filled up to all the fullness of God! Explain what it means to be filled up with the fullness of God. For help look up the greek word for fullness—Pleroo. What does this look like in the believers' life? What does it mean to you personally?

9. Verse 20 is known as a *pyramid progression* of God's enablement for His children. Fill in the blanks.

He _____ able.

He is able _____.

He is able to do _____ more _____.

He is able to do far more abundantly _____ that we _____.

He is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask _____.

According to the _____ that works _____.

Think about the importance of this! Many Christians live in the shallows of this truth, all the while this powerful life is available. Do you believe this is true in your life? Using these verses-

Paul states that the purpose of our being “*strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man*” (3:16) is that “*Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith.*” (3:17). The proper order seems to be reversed here...shouldn't it first say that Christ dwells in our hearts and then we would be strengthened by the Spirit? We know that at the moment of salvation we are indwelt by Christ (Col. 1:27) and we cannot have “*the Holy Spirit in the inner man,*” until we have received Christ as our Savior (Rom. 8:10). Therefore, Paul must not be referring to Christ's indwelling believers in salvation, because that has already occurred. What then, is Paul referring to? For help- research the greek words for dwelling—*katoikesis* and *katoikeo*. See also, John 14:23, 2 Cor. 3:18

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