

The Abundance of God



Ephesians 3:14-21

In the first prayer, the emphasis is on enlightenment; but in this prayer, the emphasis is on enablement.

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In the Bible, prayer is addressed to the
Father, through the Son, and in the
Spirit.



1. God's grace should evoke
passionate worship (14-15)



Paul was not saying that God is the Father of all but rather that He is the Prototype of all fatherhood. "Father" is derived from God, not man.

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2. Our love should “add up” (16-
19)



a. Strength (16-17a)

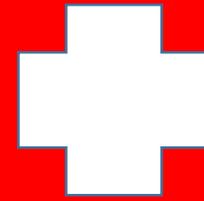


God's
Glory

God's
Spirit

Inner Man

God's Strength



It is only when we yield to the Spirit
and let Him control the inner man that
we succeed in living to the glory of God.

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a. Strength (16-17a)

b. Understanding (17b-19a)









When a man loves a woman
Can't keep his mind on nothin' else

He'd trade the world

For a good thing he's found
If she is bad, he can't see it

She can do no wrong

Turn his back on his best friend

If he puts her down



The content of this comprehension is to
know experientially the love of Christ
that supersedes all knowledge.

JF Walvoord



The paradox "to know ... that passes knowledge," implies that when he says "know," he does not mean that we can *adequately* know; all we know is, that His love exceeds far our knowledge of it, and with even our fresh accessions of knowledge hereafter, will still exceed them.

JB Bond



a. Strength (16-17a)

b. Understanding (17b-19a)

c. Maturity (19b)



3. Our prayer should reflect His
purposes (20-21)



This doxology serves once again to remind the readers of God's immense and gracious power at work in them—not to encourage selfish requests, but to promote confident hope in his new creation, and petitions that correspond with God's intent for the church in the present age.

