

GOD IS ABLE

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Week One: Ephesians 3:20

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

The Big Idea: God is able to _____ his people.

Introduction

- The apostle _____, Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos were all involved in planting the church in Ephesus (Acts 18:18-28, 19:1-41, 20:17-38 ... Ephesians, 1-2 Timothy, Revelation 2:1-7).
- Most likely, Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians while he was a prisoner in Rome (AD 60-62).
- Ephesians contains two _____, and one _____ to prayer (Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21, 6:18-20).

“One of the best ways to discover a Christian’s chief anxieties and ambitions is to study the content of his prayers and the intensity with which he prays them. We all pray about what concerns us, and are evidently not concerned about matters we do not include in our prayers. Prayer expresses desire.”
(John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*)

Ephesians 3:14-21

- Paul prayed that the Ephesians would be _____ to _____ in Jesus (Ephesians 3:16-17A).
 - This was a _____ strength (Habakkuk 3:17-19).
 - This was a _____ strength (Ephesians 1:1-14).
 - This was a _____ strength (Ephesians 1:1, John 15:4).
- Paul prayed that the Ephesians would be _____ to _____ God’s love (Ephesians 3:17B-19).
 - This was not a prayer that _____ would be strengthened to love _____ more.
 - This comprehension comes from knowing _____ and knowing _____.
- Paul prayed that God would receive the _____ for his powerful work in our lives (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Application

- _____ the Triune God is able to save and strengthen a people for his glory (Isaiah 41:21-24, Psalm 115:1-8).