

“The Fullness of God” – Part III

Ephesians 3:14-21

Intro:

Literally, the way Paul wrote this section in the Greek, it's written as a clause wherein one thing happens, and the second thing that happens is contingent upon the first.

I can't go to step 2 without hitting step 1. I can't go to step 4 without hitting step 3. I cannot go to step 5 without sequentially going through steps 1, 2, 3, and 4. There's a progression.

Five things that build one upon the other... five basic steps – *one built on the next* – leading to **Eph. 3:20** – *exceedingly abundance.*

- (1)** *Strengthening the inner-man*
- (2)** *The indwelling of Christ*
- (3)** *Incomprehensible love*
- (4)** *Infinite fullness*
- (5)** *Internal power **verse 20.***

Step #1 *The strengthening of the inner-man* – when **I decide** to do that as of first importance, it results in... **Step #2** *The indwelling of Christ* – when He has *settled-in* and is *at home* in every room in my life, filling every area of my life with Himself...

Step #3 *Incomprehensible love* – *The result of Christ's unrestricted access to my heart* – **is love.**

There are three basic things to understand about this love.

(1) *This love is _____ to the believer's life.*

It is absolutely at the core the believer's life, it's fundamental. **Verse 17**, "...being rooted and established in love..."

- The word "rooted" used there speaks of a _____. We see the roots going deep, spreading out into this ground, being soundly rooted.
- The word "established" actually speaks of the _____ of a building. The foundation of the building is absolutely essential.

(2) *To be able to _____ God's love.*

The word "to grasp" or "comprehend" means: "To _____, to take hold so as to make it your own." Hear it this way – To seize, to take hold of the love of God, _____, and make it your own.

- What does it mean... the _____ of His love?
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How _____ of His love? Chapter 2:11

How _____ is His love? Chapter 1:4; 2:7

How _____ is His love? Chapter 2:1-3

How _____ is His love? Chapter 2:6

- It's **width** – *it can reach anybody*. It's **length** – *from eternity to eternity*. It's **depth** – *it can reach into the pit of sin*. It's **height** – *it can take us right into the presence of Almighty God*. That's His love.

(3) To _____ the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge.

“To know” simply means this: *literally* – To know by _____. It is not an intellectual understanding.

- The love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, which surpasses our own understanding, is not tied to an emotion *at all*. This love of Christ, this supernatural love that Paul's talking about is not an emotion – it has nothing to do with emotion – it's an activity. The love of Christ is an activity... it's a verb, *if you will*, **it is something you do!** *An activity influenced supernaturally*

Application: