

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Christ's Immeasurable Love For Us
Ephesians 3:18–19

Staircase to Maturity



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What the Bible Teaches About

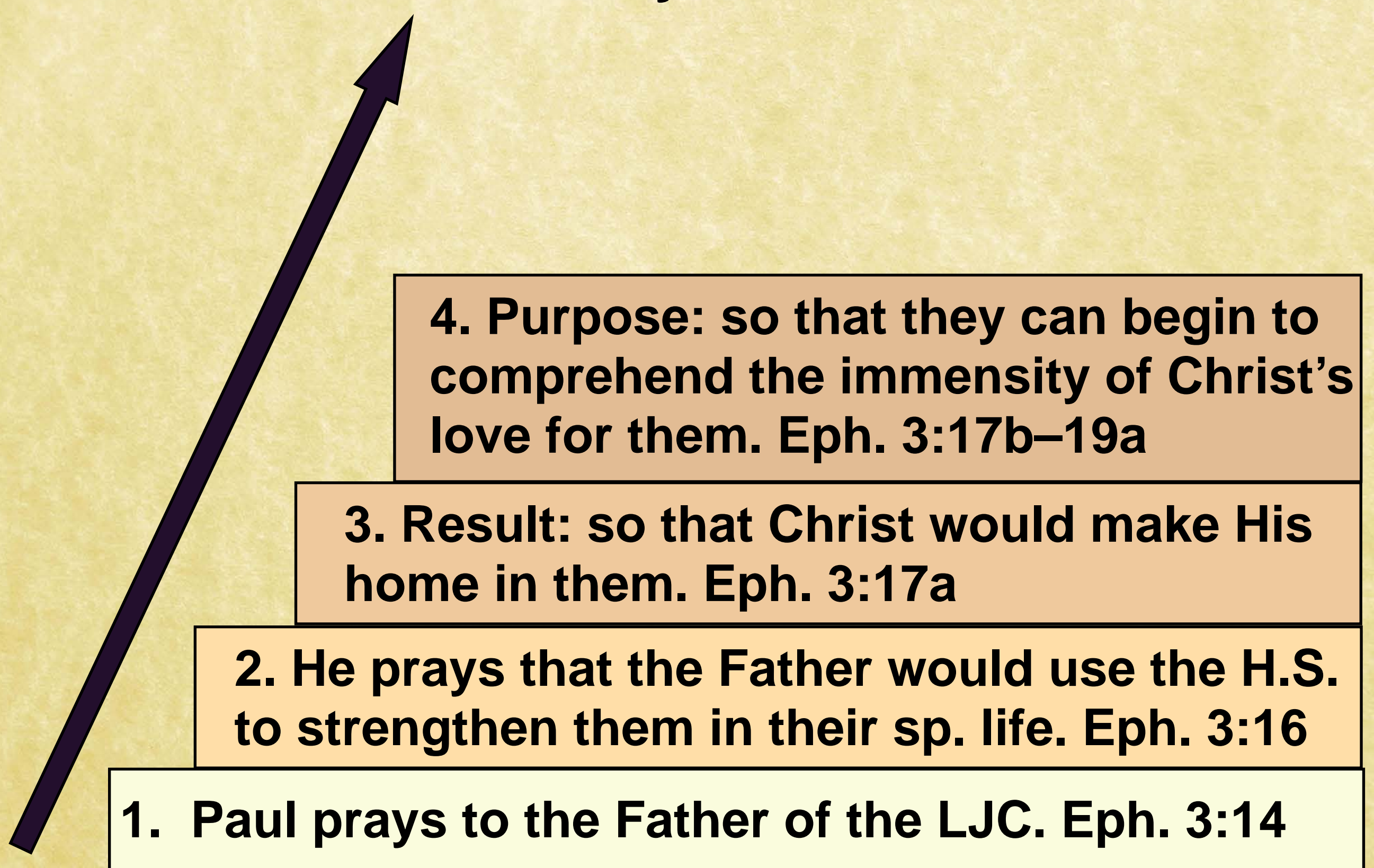
The Holy Spirit's Ministries to the Believer



Eph. 3:16, “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,”

διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος
dia tou pneumatos,
“through the Spirit”
“His” is added to identify
it as the Holy Spirit.
Indicates the secondary agent

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Two causal perfect tense participles:

“because you have already been completely rooted and grounded by means of love”

Eph. 3:17, “with the result that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; for the purpose that you, because you have already been rooted and grounded in [God’s] love,

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John 15:3, “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.”

John 15:2, “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He lifts up; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

Is this lifting up for production?

Or

taking away to judgment?

Conclusions from John 15

The Command

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The Result

Fruit, More Fruit,
Much Fruit

Conclusions from John 15 and Gal. 5:16–26

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The Fruit of the Spirit

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Spirit

Walk by
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The Result

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New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

18. *able*. ver. 19. Eph. *1:18–23. Job 11:7–9. Ps. *103:11, 12, 17; 139:6. Isa. *55:9. Matt. *18:11. John 1:5. *15:13. Gal. *2:20. +*3:13. Phil. *2:5–8. 3:8–10. 1 Tim. 1:14–16. *3:16. Titus 2:13, 14. Rev. 3:21. *with all*. Eph. 1:10, 15. Deut. 33:2, 3. 2 Chron. 6:41. Ps. 116:15. 132:9. 145:10. Zech. 14:5. 2 Cor. 13:13. Col. 1:4. Rev. *5:9. *saints*. 2 Cor. +1:1. *what*. Rom. *10:3, 11, 12. *depth and*. Job 11:8, 9. Rom. +*8:39. *11:33. *height*. f22l1, Job 11:8. f63l1A, Exod. +12:4. Supply ellipsis, “height (of love is).”

2638. καταλαμβάνω *katalambanō*; from 2596 and 2983; to lay hold of, seize:—attained(1), caught(2), comprehend(2), found(1), laid hold(2), lay hold(1), overtake(2), seizes(1), understand(1), understood(1), win(1). From the NASB Concordance

2638. καταλαμβάνω katalambánō; fut. katalépsomai, from katá (2596), an intens., and lambánō (2983), to take. To apprehend, attain, obtain, find.

(III) Figuratively, to seize with the mind, to comprehend (John 1:5, the darkness did not admit or receive the light [cf. John 1:10–12; 3:19]). The darkness is here presented as being so thick that the light could not penetrate it. In the mid. to comprehend for oneself, perceive, find, followed by hóti (3754), that (Acts 4:13; 10:34); by the inf. and its subject (Acts 25:25); by ti (5101), what (Eph. 3:18).

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John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 15:9, “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:10, “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:12, “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:13, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

Gal. 5:14, “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Gal. 5:15, “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”