

Deeper Life Notes

Rest Assured: "Equipped" (Ephesians 3:14-21)

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Warm up: Do you feel like you are well-equipped to live as a Christian? Why or why not?

Rest Assured: We are Blessed (Ephesians 1:1-2)

We are Free/Part of the Plan (Eph 1:7-12)

We are Prayed For (Eph 1:15-23)

We are at Peace (Eph 2:11-22)

We are Chosen (Eph 1:3-6)

We are Safe (Eph 1:13-14)

We are God's Masterpiece (Eph 2:1-10)

We are God's Administration (Eph 3:1-13)

Read: Ephesians 3:14-21 CSB -

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. ¹⁶ I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, ¹⁹ and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

FIVE SMOOTH STONES FOR BEING THE CHURCH

1. _____ ¹ **STRENGTH (vv.14-17a)**

a) "For this reason"

→ God's will + the world's broken realities = the necessity of prayer!

b) "power in you inner being (spirit) through his Spirit"

→ see Revelation 3:20, Romans 8:9-10, Colossians 1:27

¹ SPIRITUAL

2. _____² LOVE (v.17b)

a) "rooted and firmly established in love"

Radical: "relating to or affecting the **fundamental nature** of something; far-reaching or thorough"

→ see 1 Corinthians 13:6-11

3. _____³ LOVE (vv.18-19a)

a) "able to comprehend" ... → see Philippians 3:12-13, Mark 9:18, John 1:5

b) "with all the saints"

"The love of Christ is 'broad' enough to encompass all mankind, 'long' enough to last for eternity, 'deep' enough to reach the most degraded sinner, and 'high' enough to exalt him to heaven." (John R.W. Stott)

4. _____⁴ FULLNESS (v.19b)

"Filled with (into) all the fullness of God..." → see Colossians 1:19 & 2:9

5. _____⁵ GLORY (v.21)

→ see Isaiah 55:8-9

"Only divine power can generate divine love in the divine society" (Stott)

"God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him." (John Piper)

² RADICAL
³ COMPREHENSIVE
⁴ GOD-
⁵ GOD'S