

**Bible Study Packet
Week 6**



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Ephesians 3:14-21

Paul's prayer for Spiritual Growth

Read through the passage first and review the letter's theme.

1. After reminding his hearers of their former condition, of God's past and continuing transformation of them, and of his own mission, Paul began to describe a prayer in 3:14-21. Why do you think the truths of chapter 2 led to this particular prayer? (Recall that the "when I think of this" in 3:14 is a restatement of the phrase in 3:1)

2. What do verse 14 and 15 teach about...

a. Paul's attitude toward God?

b. God's sovereignty?

Inner being (verse 16) That part of the believer which was made alive (see 2:5; compare Romans 7:22 and 2 Corinthians 4:16) but which may still be weak or asleep. (see Ephesians 5:14) A newly reborn person is a

baby. (see 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; 1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:13-14)

3. Look carefully at Paul's prayer for the Ephesians in 3:16-19. In the chart, write in the lefthand column each of the specific requests that Paul prayed for the Ephesians. Then, in the righthand column, put Paul's request into your own words by paraphrasing it as a prayer for yourself.

What Paul prayed for the Ephesians	What I need to ask God for in my life

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4. What seems to be Paul's emphasis in this prayer?

5. Notice that Paul shifts his emphasis somewhat in verses 20-21 as he closes his prayer. What do these verses teach you about...

a. God?

b. Your relationship Him?

c. God's purpose for all believers?

6. Write out what you now believe is the main teaching of 3:14-21.

7. How does this passage relate to chapters 1 and 2, and to the purpose of this letter?

8. What truth about God's love discussed in chapters 1-3 seems most significant to you today and why?

9. List any questions you have about 3:14-21.