

The Power of Christ's Indwelling

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 73

Ephesians 3:16b-17a

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¹⁴ For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom all the ¹ Father's family² in the heavens and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that He may give to you, in accord with the wealth of His glory, to be made mighty with power through His Spirit, into the inner man ¹⁷ - for Christ to make *His* home,³ through faith, in your hearts, in order that you, ⁴ being *abidingly* rooted and founded, ¹⁸ may be quite strong enough to grasp with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

, ¹⁹ and thus to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, in order that you might be filled to all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now, to the one who is able to do super-abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,⁵ according to His power which operates⁶ in us, ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all the generations of the age of the ages! Amen!

[Ephesians 3:14-21 *DJP*]

Introduction:

I. Paul's Request _____ed (v. 16)

A. "That He May Give To You" (v. 16)

Romans ____:32

1 Corinthians ____:7

B. "In Accord With the Wealth of His Glory"

C. "To Be Made Mighty With Power"

1. What this isn't:

2. What it is

D. "Through His Spirit"

E. "Into the Inner Man"

1. "Into"

¹ Or *every*.

² Attempt to preserve wordplay between *patēr* [*father*] and *patria* [*group sharing common paternity; family*].

³ ¹ Or *take permanent housing*. Here the verb *katoikeō* (*make His home*) corresponds to the noun *katoikētērion*, (*permanent housing*) in 2:22.

⁴ Moved up from v. 18 for smoother English; literally, "being *abidingly* rooted and founded ¹⁸ in order that you might..."

⁵ Or *perceive*, as in v. 4.

⁶ Or *works*; prev. 1:11, 20; 2:2.

2. What is this? Four truths
 - a. It corresponds to the _____ (Ephesians 3:17)
 - b. It corresponds to the _____ (Romans 7:22-23, 25)
 - c. It contrasts with the _____, the _____ man (Romans 7:24; 2 Cor 4:17)
 - d. It is under constant _____ (2 Corinthians 4:16)

II. Paul's Request _____ed (v. 17a)

A. "- For Christ To Make *His* Home"

1. Use of this verb
 - a. Greek translation of OT (LXX)
 - b. The NT
 - c. See the contrast of two verbs:
Hebrews 11:9
 - d. Most interesting: moving in and taking control
Matthew 12:45
2. The picture in Ephesians 3
3. This is how He strengthens me

John ___:5

2 Corinthians ___:9

Ephesians ___:10

Philippians ___:13

2 Timothy ___:1

2 Timothy ___:17

B. "Through Faith"

C. "In Your Hearts"