

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - PAUL'S SECOND PRAYER (2)

JANUARY 23, 2017

I. REVIEW

A. Paul offers two prayers for the Ephesians

1. Spirit of wisdom and understanding
 - Insight
2. Strengthened with might in the inner man
 - Empowering

B. Results of being “energized with power” by the Spirit

1. That Christ would be at home in the heart by faith
2. That they would know the love of God
3. That they would be filled with all the fullness of God

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

~ Ephesians 1:17

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man

~ Ephesians 3:16

II. THAT YOU WOULD BE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE

A. Note the passage allows for different interpretations

B. What does it mean to be rooted and grounded in love

1. Seems to pick up the thought of Eph. 2:20-21
2. What love does Paul speak about?
 - a. Individuals rooted and grounded in the love of God for us?
 - b. The church rooted and grounded in love for one another as we love Christ?
 - 1) Because of context and vocabulary of Paul this seems to be the thought

Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord

~ Ephesians 2:20-21

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C. How would the idea of being rooted and grounded as a body in love for one another work out in the passage?

1. As we are strengthened we love the Lord
2. Because we love one another we enable one another to grow in our understanding of the love of the Lord
 - a. Breadth, length, height and depth simply describe the many facets of the love of God
 - b. We testify to one another and demonstrate the love of God to one another

III. RESULT OF THE FAITH AND LOVE - THAT WE SHOULD BE FILLED TO ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD

A. Not an atmosphere

B. God visibly portrayed in our actions as a church

IV. ENCOURAGEMENT - GOD CAN DO MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE BY THE APPLICATION OF RESURRECTION POWER BY THE SPIRIT

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

~ John 13:34-35

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

~ John 14:15