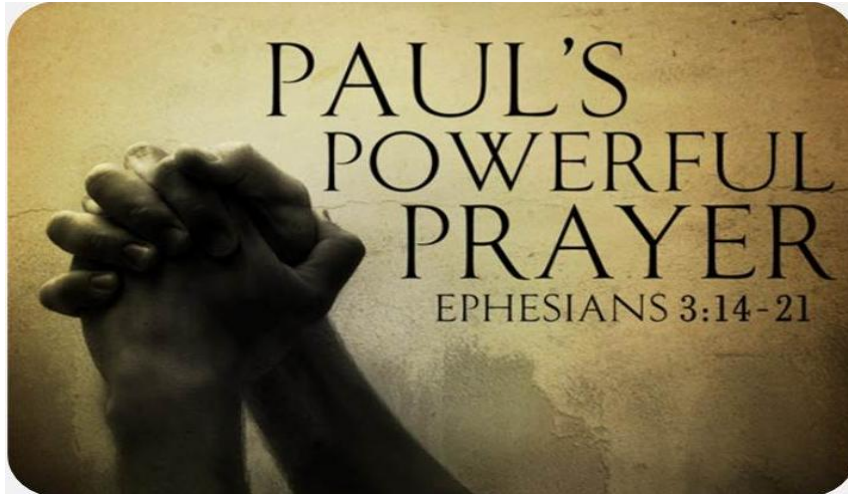


## Filled up in Christ Eph. 3:14-21



### **Homage paid to God for being the creator, 14,15**

- Earlier prayer (1:15-23) was to grasp our privileges and power.
- *For this reason* (as in 3:1) refers to the new unity in 2:11-22.
- *Father of every family* = all originates in God, see 4:6.

### **Request made to God to be filled with the fullness of God, 16-19**

- Similar terms in earlier prayer (e.g. *know, power, love, heart*)  
Request: *to be strengthened in the inner man*, 16  
Result / Purpose:
  - ... *in order that Christ may dwell in your hearts*, 17
  - ... *that you might comprehend / know Christ's love*, 18
  - ... *so that you might be filled up to the fullness of God*. 19
- This sounds big—what does it mean to be filled up w/God?

See 4:13, 5:18, Acts. 4:8,31, Phil. 1:11, Col. 1:9. Contrast this fullness with Rom. 1:29, Acts 5:3,17, 19:28.  
Consider “fullness” of Christ in 1:23, 4:13, Col. 1:19, 2:9.

### **Praise given to God for His unimaginable power, 20,21**

- This is a doxology as in Gal. 1:5, I Tim. 1:17, Jude 23,24.
- The basis for assurance is God's powerful ability to do more than we can imagine, as in 16b, (*according to the riches . . .*).