

My Prayer for 2020

Ephesians 3:14-21
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Introduction

- New Year's resolutions -- Easily made, easily broken!
- New Year's Prayer Request for EBCC
- Context of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians
 - The Flow of the Book—chapters 1-3 Doctrinal
 - The "Hinge" of the Book—chapters 4-6 Application

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A. The REQUEST—Ephesians 3:14-19

1. **We might experience inner, spiritual strength**—Ephesians 3:16-17a
 - a. So that we can face pressures on the outside—2 Corinthians 4:6
 - b. Comes from the Spirit of God—Acts 1:8
 - c. Various means the Spirit uses to strengthen us
2. **We might experience Christ at home in our hearts**—Ephesians 3:17
 - a. Connection between Spirit's power and Christ's presence—Galatians 2:20
 - b. Robert Munger's, *"My Heart, Christ's Home"*
3. **We might experience Christ's love in fullness**—Ephesians 3:17-19
 - a. Established in love
 - 1) Grounded in God's love for us.—1 John 4:9-10; Romans 5:5
 - 2) Love is an attitude of selflessness
 - b. Comprehending Love
 - 1) The Great Undertaking
 - a) *"breadth"*—available to all.—Revelation 7:9-10
 - b) *"length"*—the extent to which Christ goes to save us.
 - c) *"depth"*—how far down Christ reached to save us
 - d) *"height"*—how far we've been elevated
 - 2) The Group Project—*"with all the saints"*
4. **We might experience a deepening spiritual maturity in Christ**—Colossians 2:9-10a; Ephesians 4:12-13

B. The ANSWER ??—Ephesians 3:20-21

1. **What would happen if God answers this prayer?**—Ephesians 4-6
 - a. Unity in the Church—4:1-16
 - b. Holiness of life—4:17-5:2
 - c. Witness to the world—5:2-17
 - d. Submission to one another—5:18-6:9
 - e. Stand together against the enemy—6:10-24
2. **Is God able to answer prayer?**-- 3:20-21