

## “TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST”

(Ephesians 3:16-19)

### A. TO COMPREHEND AND APPREHEND THE LOVE OF CHRIST (3:16-19)

1. Paul had four requests for believers in his prayer; these four requests should be viewed as being \_\_\_\_\_ to each other; in other words, each petition leads to a \_\_\_\_\_, progressive understanding of Christ.

2. The apostle did \_\_\_\_\_ pray that God would merely give out of the treasures of His glory, but “\_\_\_\_\_” them, which is infinitely greater. (v. 16a, cf. Philip. 4:19)

3. It is God’s desire that you would be “\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_” through His Spirit, it means to be enabled or made capable by Another. (v. 16b)

\* What does Paul mean by this term, “*inner man*”? (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

4. The apostle uses three word pictures to explain what it means to have “spiritual depth”...

a. (v. 17a) “*dwell in your hearts*” means that Christ will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the personality of the believer who is yielded to Him.

b. (v. 17b) “*being rooted*” reminds us that every believer must have his/her spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ running \_\_\_\_\_ into the love of God, and into the Word of God for nourishment and sustenance (Ps. 1:1-3; Jer. 17:5-8).

c. (v. 17c) “grounded in love” comes from an architectural term, and it refers to the very \_\_\_\_\_ on which we build something; remember if you \_\_\_\_\_ go deep, you \_\_\_\_\_ build very high.

\* Why are we to be grounded in love and not specifically knowledge?

5. You are to be grounded in love in order that you can “comprehend” or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (v. 18a)

\* How should we view these four dimensions that Paul gives us in v. 18b?

6. The first half of v. 19 presents a paradox, we are called “to \_\_\_\_\_ *the love of Christ*”, yet His love is infinitely greater and far \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ comprehension. (v. 19a, cf. Philip. 4:7)

7. As a Christian, positionally you were already “*made full in Christ*” (Col. 2:9-10), but practically speaking, you only enjoy the “*fullness of God*” that you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by faith. (v. 19b).

\* How can you personally apply this passage?