

“To Fathom God’s Power and Love” 1/26/2020

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

Big Idea- Paul is wrapping up the theological section of chapters 1-3 with a prayer that we would fully grasp the amazing power and love of God so that we would live up to this incredible calling (Eph 4:1).

Hebrews 6:12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and not giving up will inherit the promises.

LESSON 1- To even begin to grasp God’s works begins with PRAYER

- A. Paul’s prayer asks for us to be strengthened in the INNER PERSON (3:16-17; it is through the Spirit and has deep roots and foundations)
- B. Paul’s prayer asks that what is theoretical becomes PRACTICAL (3:18-19a; Acts 10:34- “I now realize”, same word as comprehend here)
- C. Paul’s prayer asks that we become filled to the FULLEST (3:19b; Phil 4:19; Rom 15:13; Col 1:9; Ephesians 1:23; 5:18)

Psalm 105:4 Seek the LORD and the strength he gives! Seek his presence continually! (Ps. 105:4 NET)

Going Deeper God wants us to not dabble, but to be intentional in understanding!

Deep love- expects loyalty, devotion, priority, faithfulness, obedience.

LESSON 2- To grasp God’s works in us should end with PRAISE

- A. We are to live up to the amazing work and give God GLORY (**Matthew 5:1-16**; specifically 5:9-16. Are you living up to this?)

Recap 1-3: God is to be glorified in and through us (church) because His great power and love has rescued us from Satanic, worldly, fleshly dominion; elected, predestined, raised, saved, adopted, sealed us by the Spirit, etc!

Going Deeper God wants us to intentionally grasp His amazing works in us!

1 Corinthians 16:13 Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, show courage, be strong.
¹⁴ Everything you do should be done in love. (NET)

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19 NAU)

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in him, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13 NET)

Colossians 1:9 For this reason we also, from the day we heard about you, have not ceased praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, (Col. 1:9 NET)