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Sermon Notes for October 27th, 2024

"Immeasurably More"

Sermon Text: **Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 1243)**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 47:1-9 (p. 599)**;

Gospel Text: **John 14:12-14 (p. 1146)**.

Read **Ephesians 3:14-21** from the NIV translation below as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Eph. 3:14-21 (NIV): For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1. Read **Ephesians 3:14-15** above, then turn to **p. 1243** in your pew Bible and read **Eph. 3:12**. Verse 12 tells us what Paul is talking about in v. 14 when he says, *for this reason*.

What is the reason Paul decides to pray for the Ephesians?

Why is it significant that Paul is kneeling while he prays?

What did Paul mean when he said *from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name*?

2. Read **Ephesians 3:16** above.

What is Paul asking God to do for the Ephesians in this prayer?

3. Read **Ephesians 3:17** above.

How would what Paul prayed for in **Eph. 3:16** cause *Christ to dwell in the Ephesians' hearts through faith*?

How is *our faith being rooted and established in love* like a plant being rooted and established in good soil?

4. Read **Ephesians 3:18** above.

According to Pr. Dave, *how wide is the love of Christ*?

What is the symbol of the width of Christ's love?

5. Read **Ephesians 3:19** above.

What does Paul mean when he says, *to know this love that surpasses knowledge*?

Why does Paul want the Ephesians (and us) to *be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God*?

6. Read **Ephesians 3:20-21** above.

To whom is Paul referring when he says, *to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*?

What is Paul talking about when he says, *according to his power that is at work within us*?

How would we be better able to *bring glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations* if we received into our lives what Paul was praying for the Ephesians?

7. What will you most remember from this message?