

prayers...

:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

to be able to see and to comprehend... our problem is not that we don't know, but that we can't see

- Goal of a sermon
- Christ is real!
- When we see, it gives us power
- Gospel is a flame... if we get close its sparks light us on fire

What does he want us to be able to see?

- Love
 - Height, breadth, length depth... surpasses all knowledge. Paul is not one prone to exaggeration. ... normally says, 'I'm an apostle, you shut up. Here he loses his words...'
 - Paul thinks that until you know that, until you feel it... you can't really grow!
- Power... him who is able to do...
 - Power to overcome temptation... some of you consumed by addiction; bad relationships
 - Power for ministry

- Like unclaimed checks... the money is yours, but you never get it

This is what is meant by “fullness of the Spirit”

This is how he gets glory in the church... by the church being places that know intimately God's love and power and demonstrate that. Through their worship, and through their kindness.

What our community most needs

Pray for the presence of God in your life

- Awareness of God's love, that it would be real to you
- That you would weep b/c of it... some of you feel so dry spiritually

Pray for the presence of God in our church

- When they walk in
- God is here... Unbelievers loved to be around Jesus

Pray for it in our community