

Ephesians 3:14-21 • Being Filled Through Christ

Ephesians 3:14 **For this reason** I bow my knees before the **Father**,

To the **saints** who are in **Ephesus**:
Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has **blessed us in Christ**
with **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places**,

even as he **chose us in him**
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be **holy and blameless** before him.
In love, he predestined us for **adoption**
to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ...

In him we have **redemption through his blood**,
the forgiveness of our trespasses...

In him we **have obtained an inheritance...**

In him you also,
when you **heard the word of truth**, the **gospel** of your salvation,
and **believed in him**,
were **sealed** with the promised **Holy Spirit**,
who is the **guarantee of our inheritance**
until we acquire **possession of it**, to the praise of his glory.

And **you were dead** in the **trespasses and sins**
in which you once walked,
following the course of this world,
following the prince of the power of the air,
the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

among whom **we all once lived** in the passions of our flesh,
carrying out the desires of the body and the mind,
and were **by nature children of wrath,**
like the rest of mankind.

But God,
being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which he loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—
by grace you have been saved—

and raised us up with him and seated us with him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that
in the coming ages he might show
the **immeasurable riches of his grace**
in **kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

For **by grace** you have been saved **through** faith.
And this is not your own doing;
it (faith) is the gift of God,
not a result of works,
so that no one may boast.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near **by the blood of Christ.**

For he himself is our peace...
...and might **reconcile** us both (Jews & Gentiles) to God in one body **through the**
cross...

For **through him** we both (Jews & Gentiles) have **access**
in one Spirit **to the Father.**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints and **members of the household of God...**

...This mystery is that the **Gentiles** are **fellow heirs**, members of the same body, and **partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have **boldness** and **access with confidence through our faith in him.**

through the gospel - fellow heirs, fellow citizens, members of the household of God.

through our faith in him we have access with confidence to the Father.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one **mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

through the cross we have peace with God and each other.

through the gift of faith, we are saved, no works only grace, so that there is no way to boast.

through his blood we have redemption and forgiveness of all of our trespasses.

through Christ we become adopted "sons" and heirs, we are holy and blameless, we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in heaven, we are the eternal recipients of immeasurable grace and peace..

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father:

Through the gospel (good news), we have heard the word of truth and believed in Jesus. Specifically, we believe that through the cross we have obtained peace with God and by Jesus's shed blood we have redemption and forgiveness of all of our trespasses (past, present & future). We have been sealed with the promised Holy Spirit as our guarantee. We have been made holy and blameless before God because of Jesus. We have through Jesus, 24/7 bold access to the Father with confidence. We have been adopted as "sons", fellow heirs, members of the household of God. We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing that heaven contains.

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Ephesians 3:15 from whom **every family in heaven** and on **earth** is **named**,

Ephesians 3:16 that according to the riches of his glory **he may grant you** to be **strengthened with power** through his **Spirit** in your **inner being**,

*Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God, in my **inner being**,*

Ephesians 3:17 so that **Christ** may **dwell in your hearts** through **faith**—that you, being **rooted** and **grounded in love**,

*Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will **dwell** with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

*Matthew 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been **founded on the rock**.*

OT / Hessed: unfailing love, loyal love, devotion, kindness, based on a covenant relationship

NT / agape: love, generosity, kindly concern, devotedness

Ephesians 3:18 may have **strength to comprehend** with **all the saints** what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19 and to **know** (experience) **the love of Christ** that **surpasses knowledge**, that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God**.

Matthew 1:25 but **knew** her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Mark 5:29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she **felt** in her body that she was healed of her disease.

2Corinthians 5:14 For the **love of Christ** controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

Psalms 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Colossians 2:9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

Colossians 2:10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Mark 6:43 And they took up twelve baskets **full** of broken pieces and of the fish.

Ephesians 3:20 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**,

Ephesians 3:21 to him be **glory in the church** and in **Christ Jesus** throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

To know (experience) the love of Christ is the means of being filled with all the fullness of God.

The Saints knowing (experiencing) the love of Christ is the glory of the church in all generations.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Psalms 34:8 Oh, **taste and see** that the **LORD is good!** Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!