

TO KNOW THE CHRIST

Ephesians 3:14-21



We pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of our hearts enlightened, that we may know what is the hope to which He has called us, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe,



according to the working of His great might
that He worked in Christ when He raised
Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His
right hand in the heavenly places, far
above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and above every name that is
named, not only in this age but also in the
one to come. Amen!



1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles, pray to God.

[2 Surely you have heard that God in his grace has given me this work to do for your good. 3 God revealed his secret plan and made it known to me. (I have written briefly about this, 4 and if you will read what I have written, you can learn about my understanding of the secret of Christ.) 5 In past times human beings were not told this secret, but God has revealed it now by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. 6 The secret is that by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part with the Jews in God's blessings; they are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus. 7 I was made a servant of the gospel by God's special gift, which he gave me through the working of his power. 8 I am less than the least of all God's people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the Gentiles the Good News about the infinite riches of Christ, 9 and of making all people see how God's secret plan is to be put into effect. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages, 10 in order that at the present time, by means of the church, the angelic rulers and powers in the heavenly world might learn of his wisdom in all its different forms. 11 God did this according to his eternal purpose, which he achieved through Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In union with Christ and through our faith in him we have the boldness to go into God's presence with all confidence.

13 I beg you, then, not to be discouraged because I am suffering for you; it is all for your benefit.] **14 For this reason I fall on my knees before the Father**



“We shall have the power to comprehend these dimensions of Christ’s love, Paul adds, only with all the saints. The isolated Christians can indeed know something of the love of Jesus. But his grasp of it is bound to be limited by his limited experience. It needs the whole people of God to understand the whole love of God, all saints together ... with all their varied backgrounds and experiences. Yet even then, although we may ‘comprehend’; its dimensions to some extent with our minds, we cannot ‘know’ it in our experience. It is too broad, long, deep and high even for all the saints together to grasp. It surpasses knowledge ... Doubtless we shall spend eternity exploring his inexhaustible riches of grace and love.”

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May God strengthen our LGs and raise more LG leaders and LGs so that PMC might experience the fullness of Jesus's love. Amen!



Now 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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

