

4. Do you think many or most believers avail themselves of God's power? Why or why not?

What do you think is the primary reason we need to be filled with God's power?

5. What are some of the things we cherish or tolerate in our hearts that would make it difficult for Jesus to settle down and be at home within us?
6. Why is self-reform a dangerous prospect for preparing the heart for Jesus?
7. Spend time praying for the strength of God's Holy Spirit and the dwelling of Jesus in your hearts.

- I. A. 1. Know, experience. 2. Filled, fulness.
II. A. 1. Helpless. a. Wimps. b. Gospel. c. Warfare.
II. A. 2. Transformed.
II. B. 1. Faith. 2. Builds



Lesson 12: PRAYING FOR THE SAINTS, PART 1
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- I. Calling on the Father (Ephesians 3:14-15). *For this reason I bow...*
- A. Why Does Paul Pray?
1. That they (and we) would _____ and _____ the blessings and privileges they (and we) have in Christ (Ephesians 1:1-3:13).
 2. That they (and we) may "be _____ with the _____ of God" (Ephesians 3:19).
- B. Finding Ourselves.
1. In the company of the redeemed.
 2. Named by the Father.
 3. Privileged with access to the greatest wealth in the world (Ephesians 3:16a).
- II. Considering Our Need (Ephesians 3:16-17).

- A. To be Strengthened with the Power of God's Holy Spirit.
1. Apart from the power of God, we are _____.
Why do we need God's power?
 - a. We are moral _____!
 - b. We are commissioned to share the _____.
 - c. We are engaged in spiritual _____.
 2. With the power of God, we are _____.
 - a. Defining the inner man.
 - b. Transforming the inner man.
- B. To Have Christ at Home in Our Hearts (Ephesians 3:17).
1. Jesus dwells by _____.
 2. Jesus dwells in love and _____ our lives in love.

Notes:



QUESTIONS *for study, reflection, discussion, and growth*

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-16, 2:19-22, and 3:14-17.
2. Why is the prayer Paul prays in Ephesians 3:14-21 so crucial at this point in his letter?

What are the fundamental requests that he makes in this prayer?

3. Consider the content of most of your prayers. How does this compare with the essence of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians?

What can we learn from the way that we pray?