

5. How might Christ be more at home in your heart?

Do you think it is possible to grieve the Holy Spirit and suffer a lack of fellowship with Jesus? If so, how might this occur?

6. Why do you think Paul mentions the dimensions of God's love?

Explain the paradox of comprehending the incomprehensible!

What are the implications of a love that surpasses our knowledge?

7. What is the end purpose or goal of our Christian life?

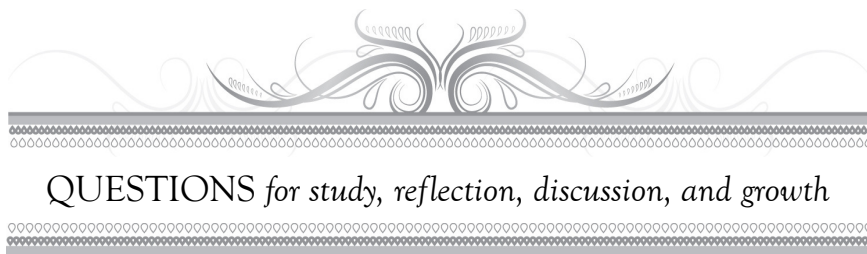
8. Take time to pray that God's love will be more real to each member of your group.

I. A. 1. Experience. 2. Heart, home.  
I. B. 2. Precious, controls.



Lesson 13: PRAYING FOR THE SAINTS, PART 2  
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The prayer Paul prays for the Ephesians (and for us) in Ephesians 3:14-21 is magnificent in its scope and purpose. Perhaps no other prayer in the Bible so comprehensively conveys the awesome beauty and purpose of God's plan for our lives. God's desire is that you would be strengthened in the inner man by the power of His Holy Spirit so that Christ may "settle down and be at home" in your heart; this occurs through a faith which works through love—in other words, a faith that is more precious to us than anything else in the world. As we are rooted and grounded in this love, we also desire to comprehend it and know it more fully. The love of God is so great, however, that there are no dimensions adequate to measure it! To be filled with this love that surpasses our knowledge is to be well on our way to being filled up to all the fullness of God. God's goal for your life is nothing less than that you be so full of God's loving character that the glory of God is radiated out from you individually and collectively in the church both now and evermore!



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

I. Experiencing the Love of God (Ephesians 3:17).

A. Through the Indwelling of Jesus Christ.

1. Apart from Jesus we cannot truly \_\_\_\_\_ the love God has for us.
2. To fully experience the love of God, my \_\_\_\_\_ must be Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

B. By Faith Working Through Love.

1. Faith as embracing the truth.
2. Faith as embracing Jesus Christ. This is when faith becomes \_\_\_\_\_ to me and the love of God \_\_\_\_\_ my life.

C. By Love Working in Faith. . . . *Rooted and Grounded in Love* . . .

II. Knowing the Love of God (Ephesians 3:18-19).

A. Knowing the Love that Surpasses Knowledge.

1. The limits of language in describing God's love.
2. Knowing the dimensions of immeasurable love!
3. The relationships that reveal God's love.

B. Filled Up to All the Fullness of God.

1. The crowning glory of Christian experience.
2. The character of God made manifest.

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21; Romans 8:31-39; and 1 John 4:7-14.
2. Why do you think Paul considers it so important that we would both experience and know God's love more fully?
3. Have you thought much about the relationship of faith and love? How would you describe the relationship between faith and love?

Is your faith precious to you? In what way?

4. Some of the first-century Galatian Christians sought to establish their relationship with God on the basis of performance and works. What does Paul tell them in Galatians 5:6? What does this mean?