FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

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EPHESIANS 3:14-21

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Ephesians 1:15-23 Pray That I Would Know My Identity In Jesus

- 1. Pray That I Would Grow In My Relationship With God (v17)
- 2. Pray That I Would Understand The Future God Has Promised Me (v18)
- 3. Pray That I Would Understand How Excited God Is About Me (v18)
- 4. Pray That I Would Understand How Much God Is Working For Me (v19-23)



In the first prayer, the emphasis is on enlightenment; but in this prayer, the emphasis is on enablement. It is not so much a matter of knowing as being — laying our hands on what God has for us and by faith making it a vital part of our lives. >>

Warren Wiersbe, Bible Exposition Commentary

 Pray That I Would Be Strengthened Within By The Spirit (v16)

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 - The spiritual nature of the believer needs prayer as well as does the physical. How often the spiritual is neglected while all the attention is given to the physical side. Power is needed to live the Christian life, to grow in grace, and to develop into full maturity.
 - J. Vernon McGee, Thru The Bible Commentary

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What Paul is praying for is a deeper experience between Christ and His people. He yearns for Christ to settle down and feel at home in their hearts — not a surface relationship, but an ever-deepening fellowship.

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To come to any understanding of the dimensions of God's love, we must come to the cross. The cross pointed in four ways, essentially in every direction, because... God's love is wide enough to include every person. God's love is long enough to last through all eternity. God's love is deep enough to reach the worst sinner. God's love is high enough to take us to heaven.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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- 4. Pray That I Would Experience More And More Of God (v20-21)