

Ephesians: From Death to Life  
To Know the Height of God's Power and the Depth of God's Love  
Ephesians 3:14-21

When we are looking to buy a home and find one that we really like, it is easy to list all the reasons we should buy it. We overlook and sometimes refuse to see the flaws that will at some point have to be addressed. However, once we purchase the house and move in, we begin making it into something that we will enjoy—a fresh coat of paint, wall-hangings that have meaning to us, minor repairs, even major renovations. We change things so that we will be comfortable living in our investment.

1. The gospel reminds us to pray with great humility.
2. The gospel allows us to live in God's great power.
3. The gospel invites us to know God's great love.
4. The gospel prompts us to pray with great expectations.

So often, we're tempted to think that God means well, and wants the best, but can't really change things. So, we feel reluctant to pray with confidence. But when we ask for things that will further his plan to bring all things together under Christ, including helping us to become a fitting home for his Spirit and to know the unknowable love of Christ, we need to remember who we're talking to. God is willing and able to do immeasurably more for us and in us than anyone could ever imagine, because he loves his ordinary churches with an immeasurably gigantic love.

Reflection

What do you think prompts Paul to pray with such humility and gratitude? Why are we sometimes reluctant to pray in desperation? What do these verses teach us about the resources of God? Review the things that Paul prays for and take some time to pray through these petitions for yourself, your family members who know Christ, your life group, and other people in your sphere of influence. Why is it important to meditate on the love of Christ? What are some things in your life that stir your affections for Christ? What are some things that rob you of your affections for Christ? What are some amazing things that you can begin asking God for today?