

## **Ephesians 3:14-21 (NLT)**

**TITLE: Being @Home With Christ**

**INTRO:**

**Three consecutive flows.**

**Paul's prayer for the Ephesians believers.**

**Your pastor's prayer for you.**

**Your personalized prayer.**

Prayer: the primary activity of the church...

before, during, and after.

**Sandwich this prayer with the Sovereignty of God.**

<sup>14</sup>When I think of **the wisdom and scope of God's plan**, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father,

Intro: The **wisdom** of God

The **scope** of God's Plan

Look back at verse 10 AND Ephesians 3:10-11 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup>God's **purpose** was to show his **wisdom** in all its rich **variety** to all the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms. They will see this when Jews and Gentiles are joined together in his church. <sup>11</sup>This was his plan from all

eternity, and it has now been carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Ephesians 1:9-11 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup>God's secret plan has now been revealed to us; it is a plan centered on Christ, designed long ago according to his good pleasure. <sup>10</sup>And this is his **plan**: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ, everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>11</sup>Furthermore, because of Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us from the beginning, and all things happen just as he decided long ago.

<sup>15</sup>the Creator of everything in Heaven and on Earth.

Creation to Christ to Culmination (of all things)...

### **Four Realities we can depend upon ...**

#### **Being @ Home with Christ Means...**

- 1. Having Mighty Inner Strength.**
- 2. Christ @Home in Your Heart.**
- 3. Experiencing Christ's Love.**
- 4. HE is able to accomplish.**

PRAY

## **Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)**

16I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you **mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit.**

### **Being @Home With Christ Means...**

1. Having Mighty Inner Strength

Our battle is not against flesh and blood... Spiritual armor

“So when I fight, I’ll fight on my knees”

### **Philippians 4:13**


For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me **strength.**

**through his Holy Spirit.**

ILL: Masada San

17And I pray that **Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him.**

### **Being @Home With Christ Means...**

2. Christ @Home in Your Heart 

How do you make Christ @Home in your heart?

1. Invite Him in (abide) John 15:4-5 (NLT)

*4Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful apart from me. 5Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.*

2. Make room (clean out)

A. Roots grounded into Christ

**Psalm 1: 2 Oh the joy of those...they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.**

**3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.**

**John 7: 37 On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! 38 Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.**

B. Power to understand

*May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. 18And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is.*

*Do you know how much God Loves You?*

*You are worth the death of Jesus Christ, that's how much God loves you!*

*ILL: Timothy*

**19** **May you experience the love of Christ**, though it is so great you will never fully understand it.

**Being @Home With Christ Means...**

3. Experiencing Christ's Love

How do we experience Christ's Love? We get to know Jesus and His Father.

You were created to Experience Christ,

In nature

In your heart

In you Family & The Family of God, the Church

**Then** *you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

**20** Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, **he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.**

**Being @Home With Christ Means...**

4. HE is able to accomplish

More than we would ever dare to ask or hope...

*John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. 13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"*

*Luke 22:42 Yet I want **your will to be done**, not mine."*

ILL: Little boy with 5 loaves

Conclusion: Bottom Piece of Bread

21 May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.

God gets all the Glory!!!!

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