



Week #3: Made for Christ's Love

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Ephesians 3:1 (NIV)

- We can endure any _____ if we have the right _____.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

Pray For:

- _____ (vv. 16-17)
- _____ (v. 17)
- _____ (vv. 18-19)
- _____ (v. 19)
- _____ (v. 20)

Discussion questions:

1. What would it mean for you to root your identity and life decisions in Christ's love for you rather than in achievement, fear, or comparison?
2. Recall a time when you have experienced God's love that felt like "beyond understanding." How might you open yourself to experience that love more deeply this week?
3. In what area of your life do you need to trust that God's power and love are far greater than your current situation or limitations?

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- Knowledge (vv. 18-19)
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