

Ephesians 3:14-21 – God’s mercy – Come and know God’s love that surpasses knowledge

What is it that you pray for?

In 5 years time, will you still be following Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, holding firmly to the gospel and seeking to live in light of the gospel?

Rev 2:4... “forsaken their first love”

Praying for two things

1) Strengthen them through the Spirit (v16-17a)

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”.

... our hearts .. our inner beings

Misunderstanding power

Our first challenge ...

2) Grow in God’s love (v 17b-19a)

... comprehend the greatness of God’s love shown in Christ.

Our second challenge ...

Filled to the fullness of God (v19b)

Eph 1:10 ... everything under the headship of Jesus

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Eph 1:20 - 23 ... via death and resurrection of Jesus

Ephesians 4, HOW we grow to fullness in Christ as a church

God can do it (v 20-21)

That we as a church as transformed as we comprehend to love of God shown to us in Jesus.

For us today

1) The shape of our prayers

2) Moving the truth of the gospel from our head to our hearts

3) Us as a church