For This Reason (Part 2) – Tapping the Fullness of God
Eph. 3:14-21
The Believer's Position in Christ Series
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A. [14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

- [15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named

Four "that's" that follow

➢ [16] <u>that</u> according to the riches of his glory he may grant *you* to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

"According to the riches of God's glory…"

"Riches" in Ephesians
(3:8)
(3:6)
(2:7)
(2:4)
(1:18)
(1:7) and
God is "the Father of Glory" (1:17).

** Don't "miss the forest for the trees" here!

In what way do we need to be strengthened?

With power
through His Spirit
in your inner being

The importance of "power"

[7] Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given <u>*me*</u> by the working of his power.
[14] For this reason I bow my knees before the Father…[16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant <u>*you*</u> to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Two more “that’s” (v. 17)

- [17a] so <u>that</u> Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

  - [17b] <u>that</u> you, being rooted and grounded in love,

    Two metaphors
    - “rooted”
    - “grounded” = foundation. Our faith is “built” upon love.

Two results of this foundation and rooting.

1. [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
   - Strength
   - Comprehension

2. [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

The last “that” – (the final result)

- that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

  Notice the completion of the Trinity with this.

B. Closing remarks (v. 20-21)