

Ephesians 3:14-21 & 4:1-7

14-15. For this reason, **I bow my knees** to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom **the whole family in HEAVEN and EARTH is NAMED,**

Definition: "the whole family" - this refers to **the church**, the family of God, the people of God. Some have already died and gone on to **Heaven**, and some (like us) are still here on **Earth**.

- **Acts 15:14** "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a _____ for His _____."
- **Hebrews 12:22-23** "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the _____ Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of _____, to the **general** _____ and _____ of the firstborn who are _____ in _____, to God the Judge of all, to the _____ of just (righteous) men made perfect, to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant..."
- **Read II Corinthians 5:1-10** (Verse 1) "For we know if our _____ house, this tent (our physical body) is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house (body) not made with [human] hands, _____ in the _____. (Verse 8) "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the _____, and to be _____ with the _____."

"For this reason, **I BOW MY KNEES** to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

This is another of Paul's PRAYERS for the Believers at Ephesus. As with his prayer in chapter one, would these be good things for you to pray for yourself? _____ For someone else who is a Christian, and who asks for prayer or needs prayer? _____

SAMPLE PRAYER : "Lord, I ask that You would grant (give) ME, according to the riches of Your glory, to be **strengthened with Your might** through Your Spirit in **MY inner man**, that I **may be able to comprehend** with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height, and **to know the love of Christ** which passes knowledge; and that I may be filled with all the fullness of God."

16. That He would grant (give) you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **STRENGTHENED with might** through His Spirit in **the inner man**,

- **Philippians 4:13** "I can do _____ things through _____ who _____ me."
- **Ephesians 6:10** "Finally, my brethren, be _____ in the Lord, and in the _____ of His _____."
- **Isaiah 41:10** "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your _____. I will _____ you, yes I will _____ you, yes I will uphold your with My righteous _____."

Definition: "the INNER MAN" - Our **human spirit** within us, also called our "**heart**" in scripture, and which is indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. It is our **SPIRIT** that is "born again" when we receive Jesus as our Savior.

- **II Corinthians 4:16** "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our _____ man is perishing, yet the _____ man is being **renewed (strengthened)** day by day."
- **I Peter 3:4** "But let it be the _____ person of the _____, with incorruptible ornament, of a gentle and quiet _____, which is very precious in the sight of God."

- **I Corinthians 2:11** "For what man knows the things of a man except the _____ of the man, which is _____ him?"
- **Romans 8:16** "The Spirit [of God] Himself bears witness with **our** _____ that we are _____ of God."

17-19. That Christ may **dwell in your hearts** through faith, they you, being rooted and grounded in **love**, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the **width and length and depth and height** - to know the **love of Christ** which passes knowledge; that you may be **filled with all the fullness of God**.

- **I John 3:23-24** "And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of **His Son Jesus Christ**, and **love** one another as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides (dwells) in _____ , and He _____ him. And by this we know that **He (dwells) abides in us**, by the _____ whom He has given to us."
- **John 14:23** "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone **loves** Me, he will keep My word' and My Father will _____ him, and We will _____ unto him, and make Our _____ with him.'"
- **John 15:5** "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who _____ in Me and I (Jesus) _____ him, bears much fruit' for without Me, you can do _____ ."
- **I John 4:13-16** "By this we know that we _____ in Him, and He _____ us, because He has given us of His Spirit. (Verse 15) "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God _____ in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the _____ that God has for _____. **God is love**; and he who dwells in [God's] love dwells in God, and God _____ ."
- **Romans 8:38-39** "For I am persuaded that neither _____ nor _____ , nor _____ nor principalities nor _____ , nor things present nor things to come, nor _____ nor _____ , nor any other crated thing, shall be able to separate us from the _____ of _____ which is in **Christ Jesus our Lord**."
- **Ephesians 5:18** "And do not be _____ with wine, in which is dissipation, but be _____ with the _____ ."

20-21. Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly** above all that **we ask or think**, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

- **Psalms 37:4-5** "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall _____ you the _____ of your _____. Commit your way to the Lord; _____ also in Him, and He shall _____ it to pass (He will accomplish it)."

4:1-2. I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to have a **walk worthy of the calling** with which you were called, with all **lowliness** and **gentleness**, with **longsuffering**, bearing with one another in **love**,

- **Colossians 1:9-14** (Verse 10) "That you may have a _____ **WORTHY** of the _____ , fully pleasing Him, being _____ in every _____ , and increasing in the knowledge of God."
- **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the Spirit is _____ , joy, peace, _____ , _____ , goodness, faithfulness, _____ , self-control. Against such there is no law."
- **Colossians 3:12-14** "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, _____ , _____ , of mind, _____ , _____ ; _____ with one another, and _____ one another, if anyone has a _____ against, even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things, put on _____ , which is the bond of perfection."

3. Endeavoring to keep the **UNITY of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

- **Acts 2:1 & 46** "And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with _____ (in unity) in one place." (Verse 46) "So continuing daily with _____ in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart."
- **Philippians 4:1-2** "Therefore, my beloved and longed for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. I implore (beg) Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the _____ in the Lord."

4-6. There is **one BODY** and **one SPIRIT**, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; **one LORD** [*Jesus*], **one FAITH, one BAPTISM; one GOD and FATHER** of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- **Colossians 3:15** "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you are called in _____ ; and be thankful."
- **I Timothy 2:5** "For there is _____ , and one Mediator between God and men, the Man _____ ."
- **Romans 6:3-4** "Or do you not know that as many of us as were _____ into _____ were _____ into His death? Therefore _____ were _____ with Him through _____ into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the _____ , even so we also should walk in newness of life."
- **Jude 3** "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common _____ , I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend (fight) earnestly for the _____ which was _____ for _____ delivered to the saints."
- **II Peter 1:1-2** "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious _____ with us by the righteousness of our _____ and _____ Jesus Christ: grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of _____ and of **Jesus our** _____ ."
- **Romans 8:11** "But if the _____ of Him who raised Jesus from the dead _____ in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His _____ who _____ in you."

7. But to **each one** of us **grace was given** according to the **measure** of Christ's gift.

- **Romans 12:3** "For I say, through the _____ **given to me**, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt (given) to **each one** a _____ of faith."
- **John 3:27** "John answered and said, 'A man can receive nothing unless it has been _____ to _____ from _____ .'"